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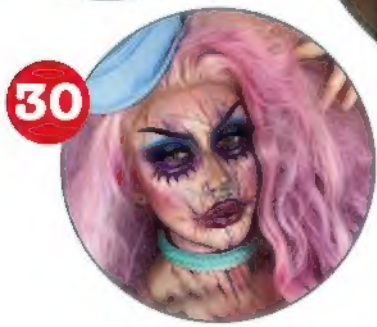
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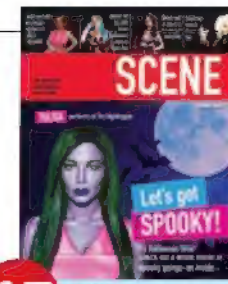

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Barking mad for Halloween at The Loft

Last month's inaugural Doggo Social at The Loft in Birmingham proved so successful that organisers are planning to do it all over again.

October's spooktacular offering, on Sunday the 20th, invites dog owners to take their pooches to a Halloween-themed event (dressed in their 'most imaginative and scary costumes').

The best-dressed doggo will receive a £50 pet voucher, while for the best-dressed people there'll be a meal for two plus prosecco at The Loft. Doggy treats for four-legged friends will also be available.

Speaking about the event, The Loft's Operations Director, David Nash, commented: "We were delighted with the success of our very first Doggo Social, with over 40 delightful dogs and their owners attending. It was a great opportunity for dog lovers to get together, enjoy some great food & drink and let their dogs play in a safe space. We're really looking forward to our October event."

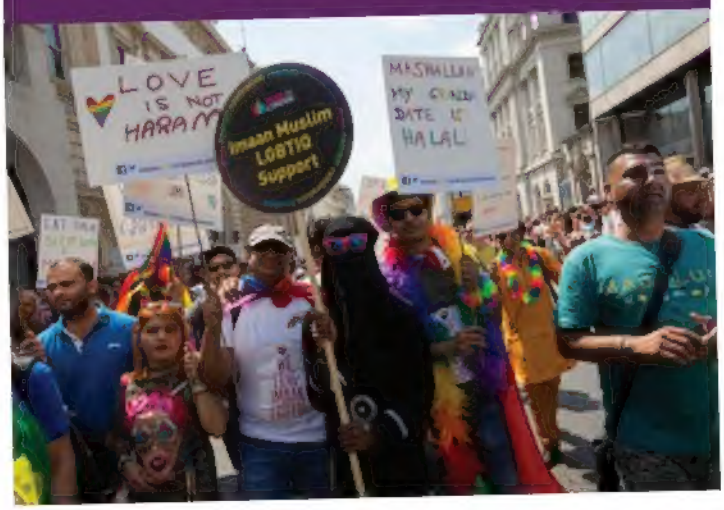
Painting Portraits of everyday issues at Coventry venue

A mini series of productions exploring identity, power, race, gender, sexuality, society and politics will show at Coventry's Warwick Arts Centre next month.

Under the banner Portraits, 'three very different productions with many similarities' will challenge audiences to think about their own approach to a variety of issues.

Queens Of Sheba (13 - 16 November) focuses on four black women battling everyday misogynoir where sexism meets racism. Pink Lemonade (13 & 14 November) is a story about learning to accept oneself and saying goodbye to 'a love turned sour'. Travis Alabanza's Burgerz (15 & 16 November) is a 'timely, unsettling and powerful performance' exploring how trans bodies survive. For more information, visit warwickartscentre.co.uk

MUSLIM PRIDE! Crowdfunding appeal nears its target...



A British Muslim LGBT charity has launched an appeal to raise funds for the country's first ever Muslim Pride festival.

Aiming to celebrate what it means to be LGBTQI and Muslim, the new event is being organised by LGBTQI charity Imaan, which is this year celebrating its 20th anniversary. It's expected that the new festival will feature speakers, arts & culture, history, panels and discussions.

A crowdfunding page has been set up to raise £5k to help stage the event in London in the spring of 2020. At the time of going to print, Imaan had raised £3,874 - 77% of its target amount.

Shropshire cinema steps in to fill this year's film festival void

With the much-loved Shropshire Rainbow Film Festival taking a break this year, Shrewsbury's Old Market Hall Cinema is filling the gap by presenting a season of LGBTQ+ movies.

Films featured in the season include: Go Tell It To The Bees (Sunday 6 October - pictured); Transmilitary (Sunday 13 October); Jonathan Agassi Saved My Life (Sunday 20 October); and The Shiny Shrimps (Sunday 27 October).

A second Shropshire-located LGBTQ+ film festival is taking place in Oswestry in November, with the town's film society screening Are You Proud?, Go Tell It To The Bees, The Shiny Shrimps and Tucked.

For more information, the websites to visit are: for Shrewsbury, oldmarkethall.co.uk and for Oswestry, kinokulture.org.uk

Have ya heard?

New documentary about Birmingham's gay superclub to premiere at Pride 2020

A new documentary about Birmingham Gay Village's iconic Nightingale Club will be premiered at next year's Birmingham Pride festival.

The documentary is part of Nightingale50, a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund which marks the legendary venue's half-century and sees the Gale collaborating with city charity Birmingham LGBT.

Archiving and preserving 50 years of local LGBTQ+ heritage by mapping the history of Birmingham's oldest gay bar, the project will uncover the story of how the venue was founded, its journey in the city and the role it has played for the LGBTQ+ community since opening in 1969.

Between next month and March, SHOUT Festival will record interviews with local community members and collect images, videos, posters and flyers in order to make the documentary. After premiering at Birmingham Pride 2020, the film will be widely available online.

The project will also preserve the histories in the Library of Birmingham Archives and has commissioned two new murals exploring the Nightingale's past. These will be unveiled at a special event on Tuesday 5 November as part of SHOUT Festival's 2019 programme.

PRIDE CHAIR:

Increase in LGBT+ hate crime in Warwickshire

Hatred towards LGBT+ people in Warwickshire is on the rise, according to the chair of the county's annual Pride festival.

Daniel Browne was speaking following incidents of vandalism and online abuse in the run-up to this year's event.

Speaking to The Boar, Mr Browne said: "We have recently been supporting a non-binary person from Warwickshire who was the victim of transphobic abuse in Coventry. I don't know how common incidents are in Coventry but even one incident of hate is one too many."

Mr Browne also said that hate incidents had risen 'across all equality strands since the EU referendum': "Whichever side of that argument you're on is not important. However, it does appear to have given rise to people feeling empowered to voice or act upon the hateful opinions they may have always had. We're seeing the rise of vocal politicians who are saying some unpleasant things, and I think that's filtering down into communities.

"However, despite the fact that hate is rising, ultimately it will never win."

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Start your engines! Drag Race UK on the big screen in Brum

Have ya heard?

With the first series of RuPaul's Drag Race UK starting this month, two Birmingham Gay Village venues have announced that they will be screening the show live.

The Loft will host a free screening every Thursday for the duration of the series' eight episodes. Two-for-one cocktails will be on offer between 5pm and 8pm to get customers in the mood for showtime at 8 o'clock.

Alternatively, book a table at Eden Bar to ensure you're sitting comfortably ahead of watching the show on the big screen.

All handpicked for their huge slaying potential by Mama Ru herself, the 10 queens taking part in the first UK series are Blu Hydrangea, Baga Chipz, Cheryl Hole, Vinegar Strokes, Scaredy Kat, Sum Ting Wong, The Vivienne, Divina De Campo, Crystal and Gothy Kendoll.

So get the date of the opening episode - Thursday 3 October - in your diary and see who will sashay or shantay away...

Drag Race UK LIVE comes to Birmingham

A live-show version of RuPaul's Drag Race UK is coming to Birmingham.

The first UK TV series of the hugely popular US talent contest, beginning on Thursday 3 October, runs for eight episodes. The series' queens will then hit the road to present a live on-stage extravaganza hosted by drag queen extraordinaire Alyssa Edwards.

The production stops off at the Alexandra Theatre on Sunday 1 December. For more information and to book tickets, visit atgtickets.com

EXCLUSIVE!

BIRMINGHAM PRIDE SET TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE IN 2020

New 'Street Party only' ticket to be introduced...

Midlands Zone can EXCLUSIVELY reveal that organisers of the Birmingham Pride festival are set to make it more inclusive next year.

Whilst the Pride Parade and events at Birmingham LGBT Centre have always been free, organisers accept that the spiralling cost of staging the festival part of the event - which exceeded £1million in 2019 - has for some people made the ticket prices prohibitive.

In 2020, although the cost of a Festival ticket may need to increase, Birmingham Pride organisers are set to introduce a Street Party Only ticket for around £15. This will include the Gay Village area but won't provide access to the entertainment stages.

Commenting on the new initiative, Lawrence Barton, Birmingham Pride Festival Director, said: "Whilst the infrastructure costs of the entire parade and festival continue to spiral - especially with artists' fees, security and staging - it's important for Birmingham Pride to be as inclusive as possible.

"Of course, the parade - which is a real celebration of our diversity - has always been free for LGBT community groups to participate in, but we also want as many people as possible from the LGBTQ community, and their friends, to enjoy the celebrations in the Gay Village as well.

"A lot of people's expectations of Birmingham Pride have changed over the years, and so many people want to enjoy our Main Stage and other entertainment areas these days. With the cost of staging the entire festival exceeding £1million, ticket prices have also had to increase over the years - although this has been minimised through the support of our sponsors; particularly our lead sponsor, HSBC UK.

"We equally accept that for some people the entertainment areas don't reflect what Pride means for them, and so introducing a Street Party Only ticket will allow them to enjoy the atmosphere in the Gay Village - along with those who purchase the full festival ticket."

The Street Party Only ticket will help to make the festival more inclusive - particularly of those who are not gay white males.

Tickets for both the festival and the street party only are set to go on sale later this year. In 2019, Full Day Festival tickets were £40 and Weekend tickets £55.

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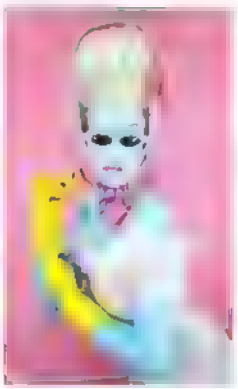
BIRMINGHAM'S SHOUT

SHOUT 2019 OPENING PARTY: HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

THE NIGHTINGALE CLUB - TUES 5 NOVEMBER



Hosted by Birmingham's very own Yshee Black, the launch party features the unveiling of two murals commissioned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Nightingale Club.
The event also includes performances from a stellar line-up of queer cabaret acts, including Juno Birch, and a screening of one of the greatest queer films of all time, Hedwig And The Angry Inch.

SADIE CLARK | ALGORITHMS

THE OLD JOINT STOCK THEATRE - SUN 10 NOVEMBER

A bisexual Bridget Jones for the online generation, this tragicomic one-woman play is ideal for anyone who's wondered why they feel so lonely at a point in time when connecting with others is meant to be easier than ever.

JOHN WATERS | THIS FILTHY WORLD

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME - WED 13 NOVEMBER

Queer icon, living legend and 'master of filth' John Waters - once referred to as 'the pope of trash' - visits Birmingham for the very first time. His one-man show is a vaudeville act celebrating both his film career and his obsessional tastes. Focusing on John's early negative artistic influences and his fascination with true crime, exploitation films, fashion lunacy and the extremes of the contemporary art world, this joyously devious monologue - a homage to all that's trashy in life - is a call to arms to 'filth followers' everywhere.

RYAN KEARNEY | IF MEMORY SERVES

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME - UNTIL THURS 14 NOVEMBER

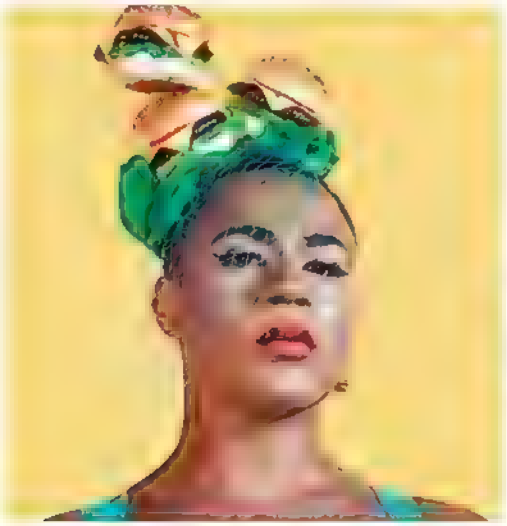
If Memory Serves is a research project narrating the story of the Nightingale Club's previous venue on Thorp Street, which in 1994 was acquired for Birmingham Hippodrome's expansion. Through a combination of first-hand accounts and archival material, artist Ryan Kearney's exhibition considers the role of memory in forming a queerer archive, while at the same time encouraging discussions about the regeneration of the city's LGBTQ+ spaces

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

TRAVIS ALABANZA | BURGERZ

MAC BIRMINGHAM - SUN 17 NOVEMBER

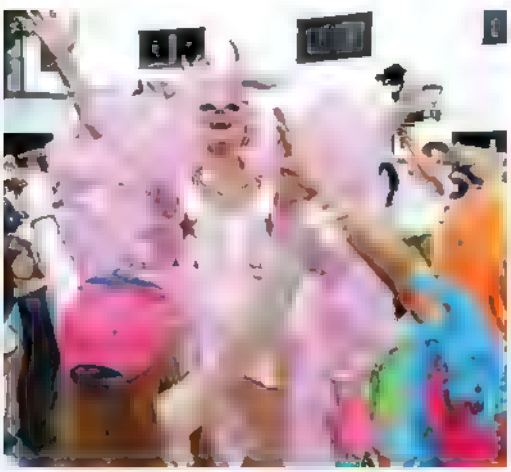
After someone threw a burger at them and shouted a transphobic slur, Travis Alabanza became obsessed with burgers - how they're cooked, how they feel, how they smell. This show is the climax of their obsession. Exploring how trans bodies survive, BURGERZ is a performance that is timely, unsettling and powerful.



FAB! THE FABULOUS KIDS PARTY

MAC BIRMINGHAM - SUN 17 NOVEMBER

This year's SHOUT OUT includes a daytime children's party featuring music, DIY costume-making, a variety of fun games, a disco and a host of glittery and colourful friends
The event is suitable for children aged three-plus, so bring along your little ones and get set to boogie!

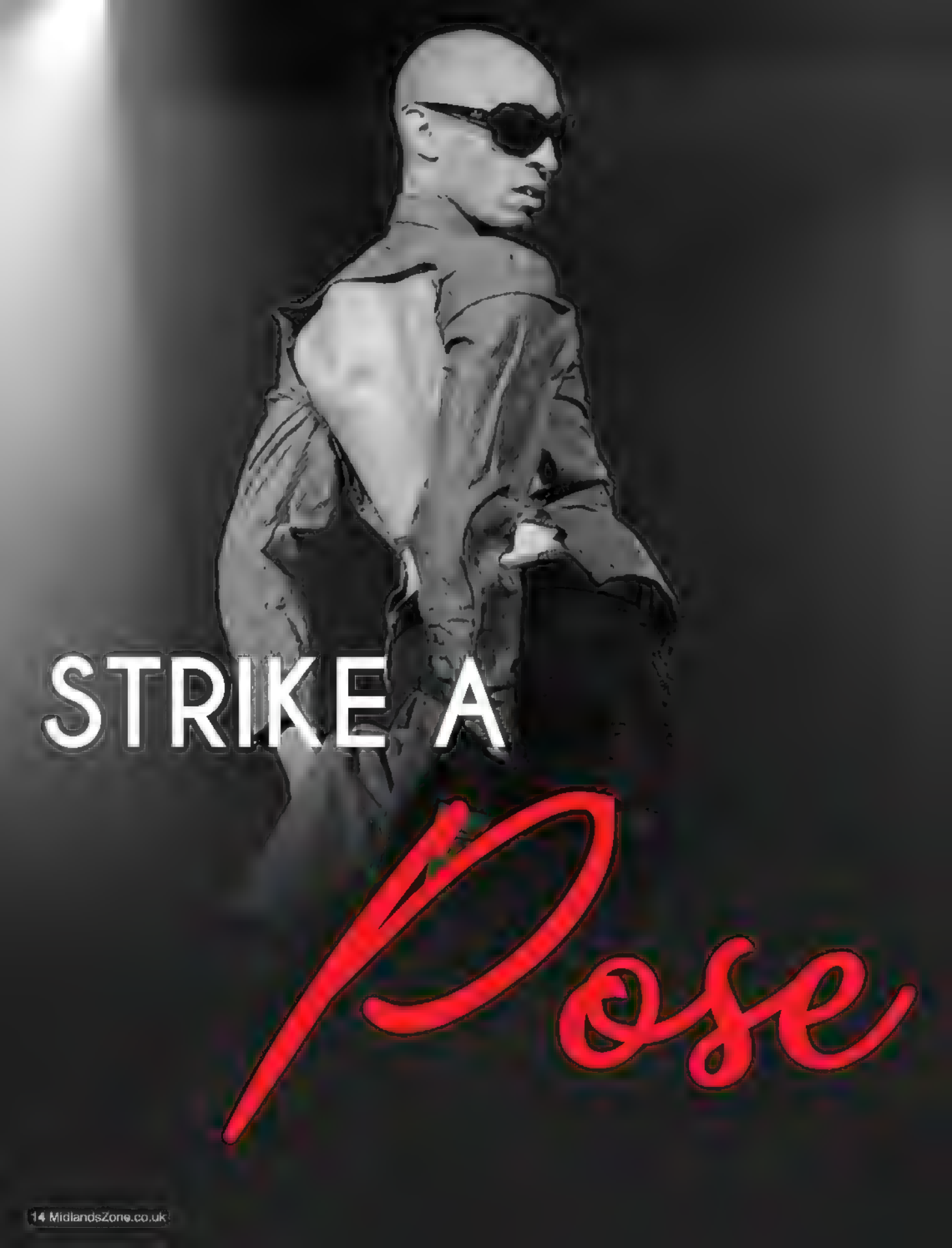


This unique performance poetry night boasts a knock-out line-up of queer spoken-word artists, including Jay Hulme, Keith Jarrett, Dean Atta and Jackie Hagan.

NATHANIEL HALL | FIRST TIME

THE OLD JOINT STOCK THEATRE - THURS 21 NOVEMBER

Can you remember your first time? Nathaniel can't seem to forget his. To be fair, he's had it playing on repeat for the last 15 years...
HIV positive theatre-maker Nathaniel Hall presents a funny and frank autobiographical solo show about staying positive in a negative world.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Pose

First ever VOGUE BALL in Birmingham Gay Village as part of this year's SHOUT Festival

Midlands Zone caught up with Vogue Ball choreographer Darren Pritchard, the House of Ghetto's mother when it comes to all things vogue...

First danced by black drag queens in New York's Harlem, vogue was part of a 1960s' underground scene, its balls giving the QTIPOC+ (Queer, Transgender & Intersex People Of Colour) community a safe space to thrive and develop.

In 1990 came the documentary Paris Is Burning, which brought voguing and the ballroom scene into the mainstream. Since then, the scene has continued to be referenced in pop culture, whether in iconic Madonna hit Vogue or, more recently, on TV shows RuPaul's Drag Race and Pose

Here in the UK, the vogue scene has grown and thrived in recent years, with popular houses opening up across the country. Now, in 2019, it's Birmingham's turn to welcome the scene, with its first ever house, House of Bab, and first vogue ball featuring as part of next month's SHOUT Festival.

Manchester-based choreographer & dancer and House of Ghetto's mother, Darren Pritchard, is part of the team bringing House of Bab to life. Dancing since the age of 16, graduating from the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and with plenty of credits under his belt, Darren certainly knows a thing or two about dance.

Now with his own national touring dance company - Darren Pritchard Dance - and acting as a house mother to vogue houses in Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds, Darren is heading to Birmingham.

How did you get into voguing, Darren?

I'm a friend of Darren Suarez, who was an original voguer in Liverpool's House of Banjee Realness in the 1980s. The 'house' and the whole vogue scene had kind of died out a little bit, so we had this conversation about how we could create a resurgence of interest.

This led to Darren setting up his own house - The House of Suarez - in 2006 and inviting me to be one of the original daughters. He initially trained me, and then we set about doing balls in Liverpool before branching out to Manchester and then, more recently, Newcastle and Leeds.

So Darren was the one responsible for introducing me to this very specific scene and culture.

Tell us about the vogue scene in 2019...

There's been a massive resurgence in audience numbers. From our very first ball, numbers have just continued to grow.

We're experiencing a time of great division within the LGBTIQA+ community and need to create a safe space for the alternative and mainstream to come together, which is what I believe we facilitate here. Gays, straights, blacks, whites should all come together under one banner, and the ball touches upon that.

The gay scene had become quite homogenised, trying to emulate a heteronormative society, whereas queer culture has never done that. It's created its own face. Men can dress as women, and gender has always been played with. That's not heteronormative; that's very queer

What we've done is make an unapologetically queer space which embraces everything - dance, fashion, music etc... all coming together under the banner of the vogue ball. We're one of the few that manages to bridge gay and straight and get a good balance. It's about us and our allies coming together. Fundamentally, though, people are coming into this space to celebrate a black queer gay culture.

Do you think mainstream media has helped with the resurgence?

Most definitely. We call it 'the Pose effect'. When you get something that people can use as a point of reference, it's great. The TV show is a brilliant point of reference because it's so trans and non binary, so we now get a lot of that community coming to our balls.

Where do you get your inspiration?

From anywhere and everywhere. It could be music, fashion, hair, artwork or just life in general. I did a show called Rent Party, which was political, and I recently did a Black Pride vogue ball, which was kind of a political statement. I don't limit myself to where my inspiration comes from.

If we're talking musically, then my influences can come from classical, R'n'B, hip-hop, grime. If it's fashion, it can be anything from avant garde to street. A lot of my influences come from how I'm feeling at any one point in time.

How much work goes into planning a vogue ball?

A lot, particularly in terms of logistics. For the last vogue ball I did, and they're all pretty much doing the same thing, there were numerous different categories. There are several categories with around six people in them. That's around 30 to 35 people who you have to

manage, and each one of them is going to have different needs and different wants. They'll each have their own design, there's music mixing, choreographing, the judges to organise.

Darren (Suarez) only does one ball a year. Generally each city does a ball a year. In London they do a couple, but we really like to make them events - that's why they get packed.

Me and Adam (Carver) started talking last year about doing the ball. To get the partners on board, to get the money in place, to get the studios and to get it out there, it can take a lot of work. Also, because it's developing and it's brand new, we didn't want to just open with any old ball. We do it grassroots and in the queer communities, and that takes time to evolve

How do you think Birmingham will differ to up north?

I don't know, as I don't know the lay of the land yet, but I'm sure that I'll get involved in the Birmingham scene and see what it can bring. We're working to make sure the QTIPOC representation is there, but also making sure it's 100% inclusive, which is totally unique in itself

Have you ever had any criticism?

With any scene you get criticised, and we get criticised for not being as 'authentic' as other balls.
For me, as one of the people in the UK who's been doing this for 10 years, every art form needs to manifest and unfold. If we're providing a safe place where people want to be and feel accepted and loved, I'm not going to shut the door in their face just because of who they are. As long as the core and the essence of the vogue culture and vogue history are honoured and are known, and you know what community you've come into, it's like, come on in.

Are there any secrets you can share with us about the SHOUT Vogue Ball?

No - but it's going to be fierce! The thing about the ball is that you can't explain what it is. You have to be there, in the room. We're very fortunate that we have the most amazing host, Mr Rikki Beadle-Blair, who is the heart and soul of the ball. We're so fortunate to have him because he's a very busy man.
All the stars aligned and I was just so happy we got him because he brings

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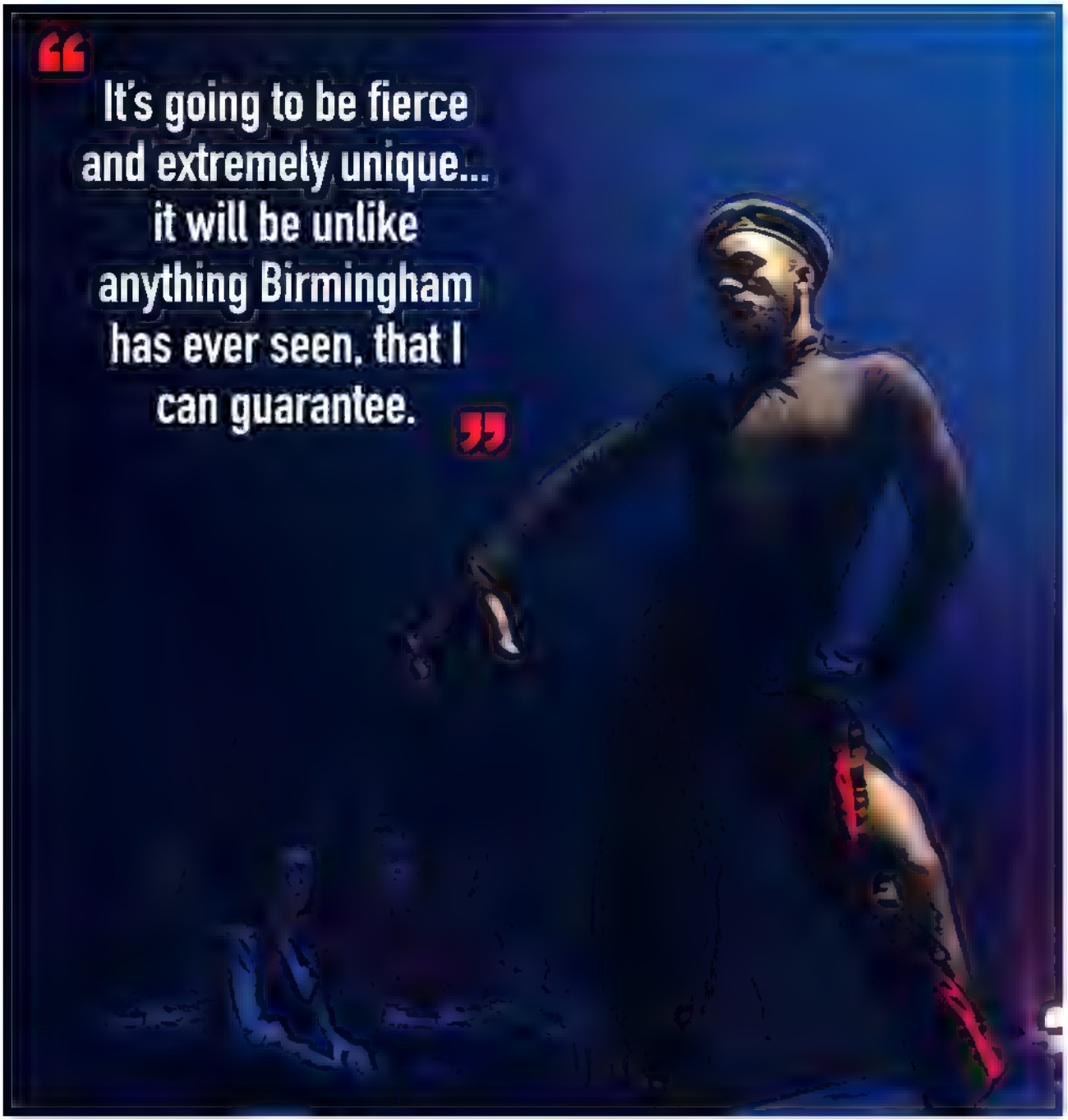

everything to the event. It's going to be extremely unique and unlike anything Birmingham has ever seen before. That, I can guarantee

What are you looking forward to most at the ball?

For me, it's got to be the new, undiscovered talent. It brings people out of the woodwork, and that's what I'm really looking forward to. I'm also looking forward to how the queens in that community translate the vogue ball, because I want it to have a Birmingham feel.

I'll also be bringing some of my other daughters from around the country to the ball, so hopefully we will have some of the kids from Newcastle, Manchester and Leeds. It's nice that that's happening as well because it's bringing these kids to Birmingham. People go through Birmingham to get to London, but actually it's a destination. You can actually stop there and have a good time.

You can catch Darren Pritchard and House of Bab at SHOUT's Vogue Ball on Friday 15 November at Birmingham Hippodrome.

To book your tickets and see the rest of the SHOUT Festival programme, head to shoutfestival.co.uk

Fierce Festival

is back in BIRMINGHAM with performances, parties, politics and pop

to Sunday 20 October

listings, head to wearefierce.org

A Very Fierce Grand Opening

Wednesday 16 October at
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Hosted by Birmingham drag fave Ginny Lemon, the Grand Opening comprises four hours of pop-up performances from the likes of Sandra Johnston, Ariah Lester and Lucy McCormick. Raise a glass to the launch of the festival and dance the night away with the DJs. And best of all, it's free!

Ariah Lester

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Former dancer and choreographer Lester Arias made beats and played with his voice for three years before becoming Ariah Lester and releasing his first EP, The Gate.
During Fierce, you can catch him performing at A Very Fierce Grand Opening, Club Fierce and Fresh Fridays at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Oozing Gloop presents

The Gloop Show

Thursday 17 - Friday 18 October at Centrala, Birmingham

'Leading green autistic drag queen' Oozing Gloop takes you on a psycho-magical trip through the universal A E I O U.
Ramble through a dreamscape of gigantic vowels, handmade patchwork, masks and wigs. With the guiding green vagabond wielding a 7ft mascara wand, be assured that squares make squares, triangles make triangles and doing things..., does stuff.
The Gloop Show re-stitches the fabric of our reality and charts sublime new political territories. This is your survival guide to the 21st century!

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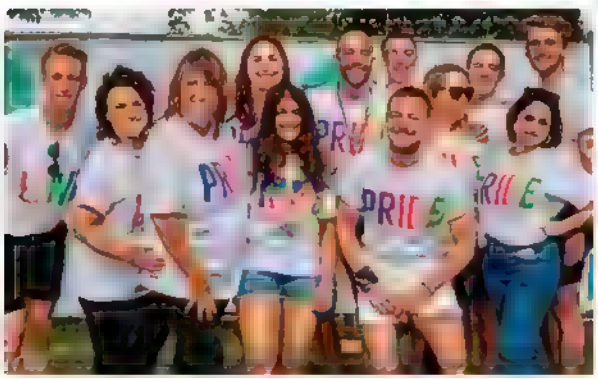
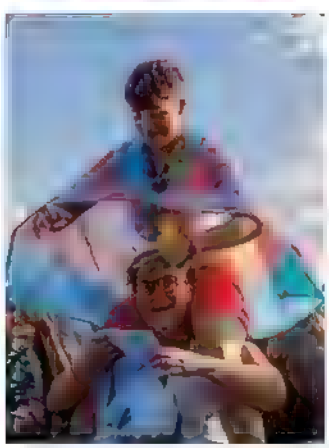
LEICESTER PRIDE

PHOTO SPECIAL

There was a fantastic atmosphere at this year's Leicester Pride, as 10,000 partygoers descended on the city's Victoria Park for a day of fabulous fun in the late-summer sun. The annual parade looked great, with 2,500 people taking part.





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DERBY PRIDE

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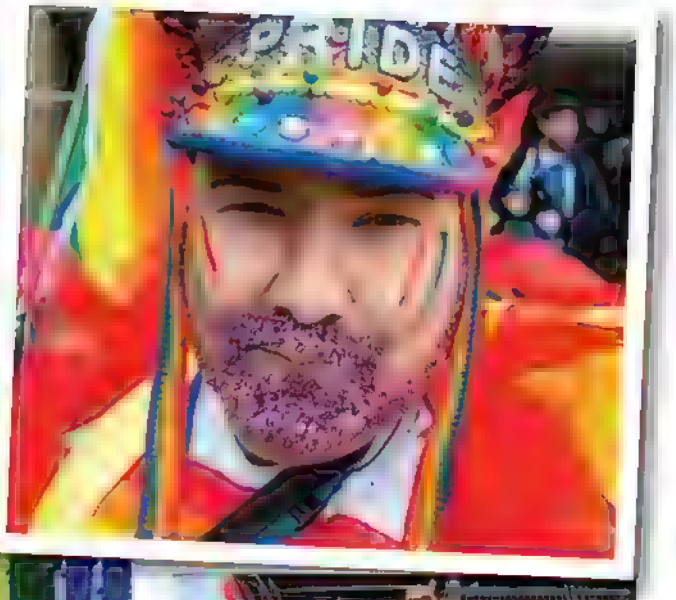
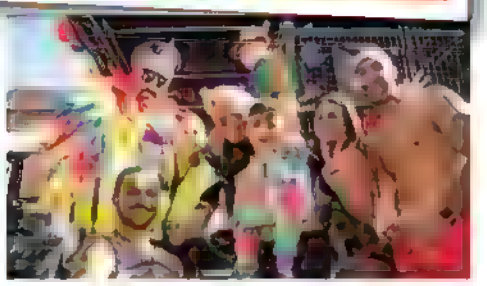
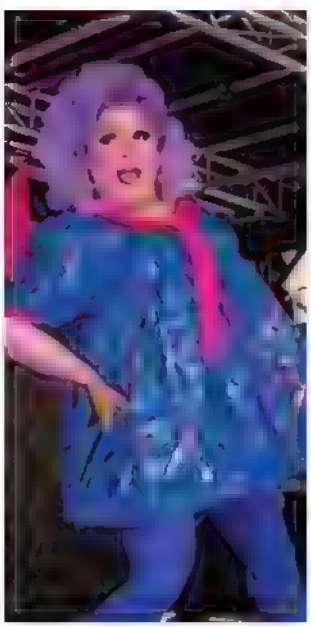
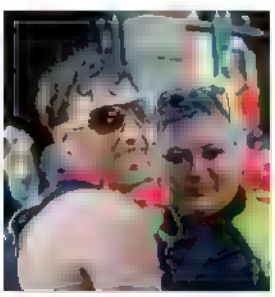
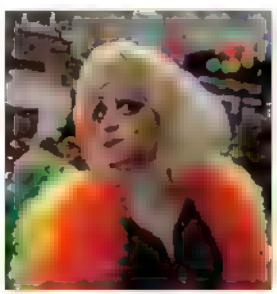
With the sun shining bright, people were certainly up for a party at this year's festival! Curzon Street was a sea of rainbows, as the 2019 get-together celebrated a glorious half-century of Pride events.

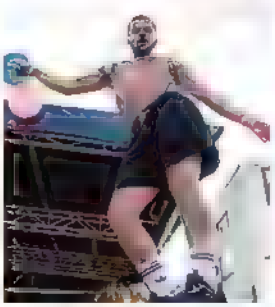


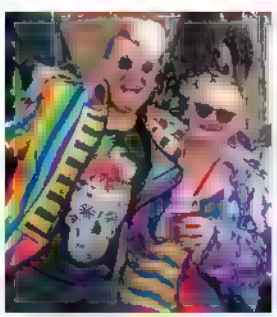












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EXCLUSIVE LGBT POLL

GAY VOTE ON BREXIT!

Now that Parliament is no longer prorogued and with the 31 October BREXIT date looming, Midlands Zone carried out a snap Brexit poll at the end of September to see what the LGBT community are making of it all - and the results make for very interesting reading indeed!

We asked pollsters how they had voted in the 2016 referendum and 2017 general election. We discovered that the LGBTQ community vote in both instances had been extraordinarily similar to the actual outcomes (within a couple of percentage points difference of the actual results). So in asking the community about the *future*, there's every reason to suppose that our poll, while not scientifically based, may well provide a fairly accurate reflection of what the entire LGBTQ community feels

And what's clear from the results is that the Midlands LGBTQ community is just as divided as the rest of the country on the issue of Brexit.

So exactly what does the poll suggest gay voters want now? Well, revoking Article 50 or a NO DEAL Brexit appear to be the favoured options - indicating that people's opinions are hardening to each end of the spectrum. And even if there were to be a confirmatory referendum, gay voters and the country would still, by all accounts, be split more or less down the middle.

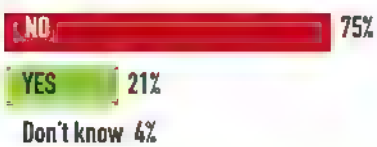
Whether it be 48% versus 52% in either direction, Brexit has certainly created more division than anything else in our recent history - and it will still be the single most important issue on people's minds when voting in the autumn general election, according to our poll.

Even though a compromise deal is the least favoured or likely option, it might well be the only tangible way of putting Brexit behind us, healing the divide and trying to unite the country again.

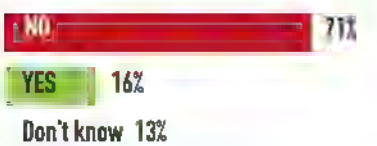
Otherwise, Brexit is set to linger on for many years to come - whether Article 50 is revoked or we leave with a NO DEAL Brexit.

BREXIT DEAL

Do you think Boris Johnson will get a better deal before 31 October?

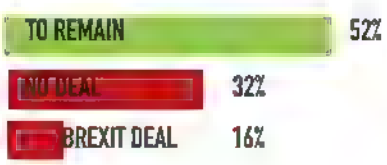


If he does get a Brexit deal, do you think it will get a majority in Parliament?



How did you VOTE in the 2016 referendum?

If there was a confirmatory referendum, how would you vote if these were the options?



What would you prefer to see happen?

This LGBT Brexit poll was conducted online on Sunday 22 September, with 879 people responding

LIB DEMS SURGE to No.1

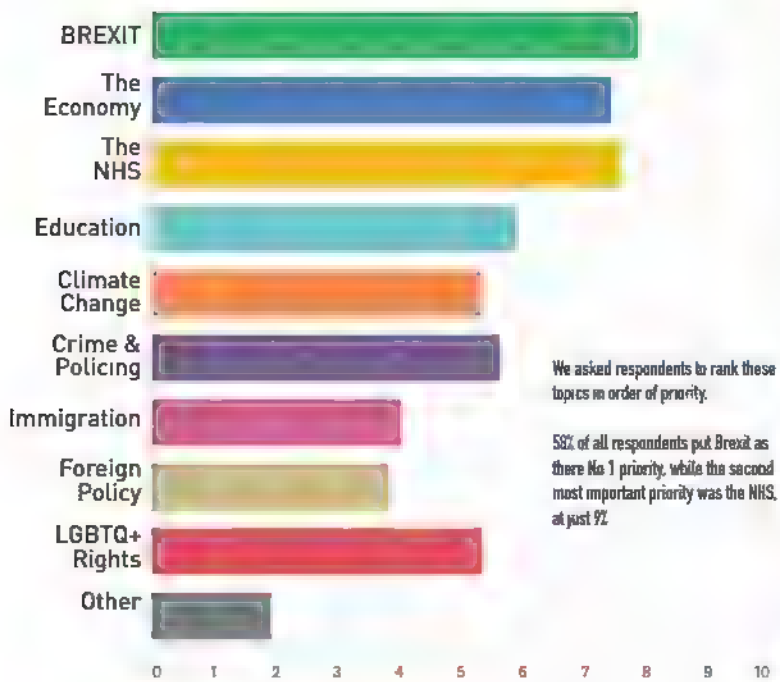
Whilst our exclusive LGBT poll was predominantly about Brexit, it was the voting intentions in an inevitable general election this autumn that revealed the most interesting results - especially for the Liberal Democrats and the Brexit Party.

It showed evidence that Brexit could well have broken the two party system whether a deal is passed by 31 October or not. How the British public voted in the general election in 2017 compared to how gay pollsters voted in our snap September poll was pretty similar-

	2017 Actual	2017 Gay Poll	(A) 2019 Gay Poll	(B) 2019 Gay Poll
Conservative	44.7%	43%	30%	21%
Labour	42.7%	41%	26%	25%
Lib Dem	5.6%	7%	25%	28%
Brexit Party	N/A	N/A	12%	18%
UKIP	4.2%	5%	1%	1%
Greens (& others)	2.8%	3%	6%	7%

LGBT voters in our poll appear to be backing the LibDems in far greater numbers, in the hope that Article 50 will be revoked altogether and Brexit stopped. Similarly, LGBT voters who want to leave the EU will turn to the Brexit Party in greater numbers if Boris Johnson doesn't get the Brexit divorce agreement over the line by the end of this month. In any event, it's hard to see how any party will command an overall majority

As an LGBT voter, which topics will influence who you vote for in the next general election?



We asked respondents to rank these topics in order of priority.

58% of all respondents put Brexit as there No 1 priority, while the second most important priority was the NHS, at just 9%

GENERAL ELECTION 2017

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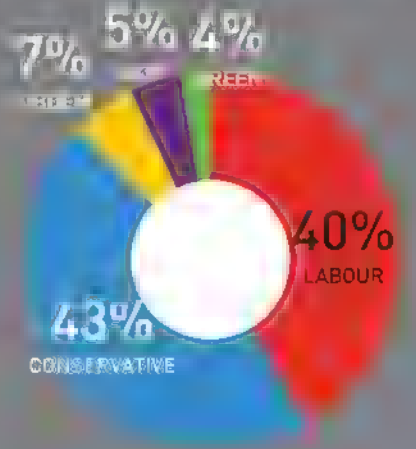

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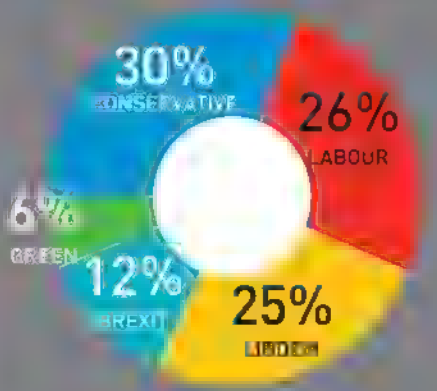
If Boris Johnson has delivered a Brexit deal before 31 October, who do you think you would vote for this autumn?



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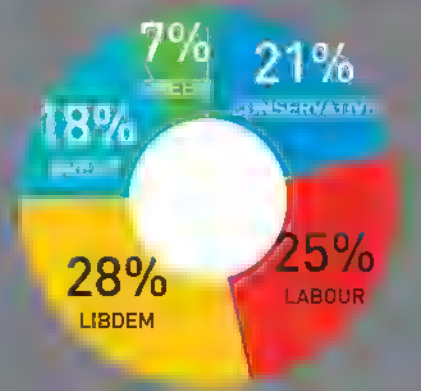

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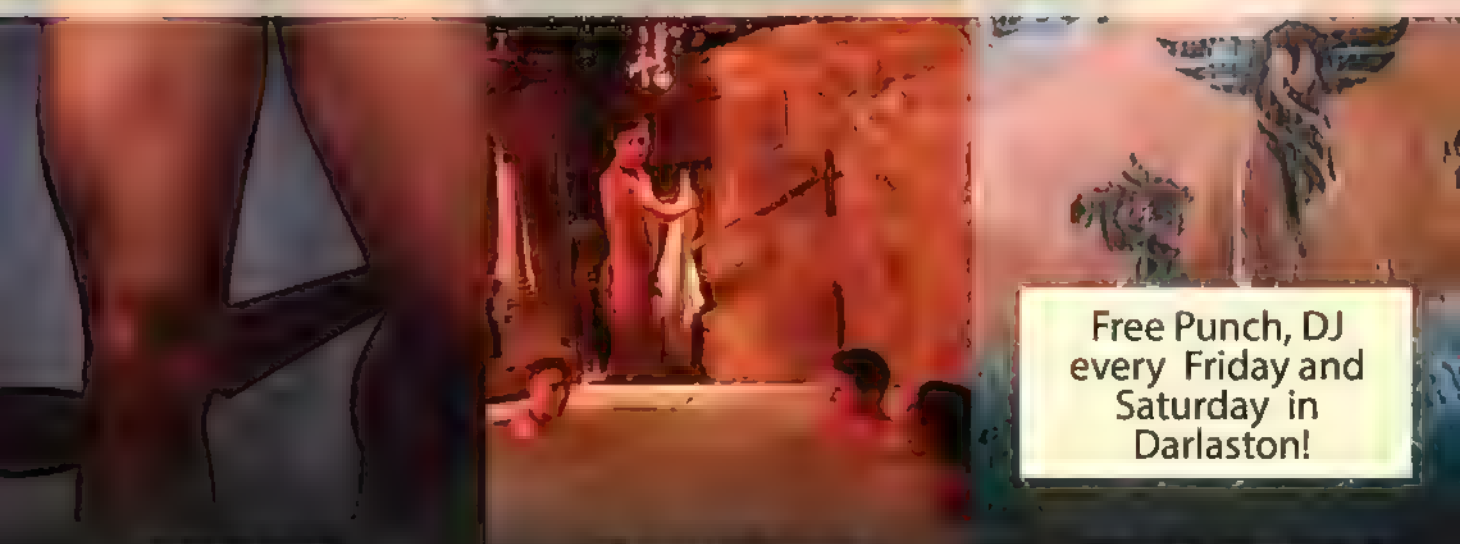

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Everyday Politics

ON THE BALL
with
Steve Ball

Don't worry about Westminster - it's 'politics at home' that matters...

I'm sure I'm not the only one feeling fed up with politics. Many of us will no doubt have sympathy with Brenda from Bristol. The last time an election was called, in 2017, Brenda was stopped in the street by a local TV reporter and asked for her reaction to the news that Theresa May had called a general election. She was taken aback. "You're joking," was her immediate reaction. "Not another one? Honestly, I can't stand this. There's too much politics going on at the moment."

With the neverending Brexit debate and endless arguments serving the political parties' self interests, we can all be forgiven for declaring that politics isn't for us. If, like me, you're a Remoaner, then you aren't happy because parliament has been suspended and we appear to be heading for a no-deal Brexit. And if you're a Brexiteer, you're unhappy because we're still in the EU and haven't 'taken back control'.

But just because we're fed up with the goings on in parliament doesn't mean we should be anti-politics. It's political to take issue with Boris Johnson for calling gay men "tank topped bum boys". And it's political to criticise Jeremy Corbyn for failing to get to grips with anti-semitism in the Labour Party.

But politics isn't just about party conferences, left and right and leave and remain. Everyday politics is important too. It's about improving the places we live in, volunteering for a charity, helping the homeless and marching in Pride parades. It's about supporting LGBT-inclusive education in schools, signing petitions and campaigning to stop property developers threatening our gay villages. And it's about debating things that matter with friends and family around the dinner table, in the pub or online.

The 650 MPs at Westminster don't have a monopoly on politics. It's the daily discussions and actions of our everyday-politics that shape our communities and, hopefully, change things for the better.

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Personal vs political

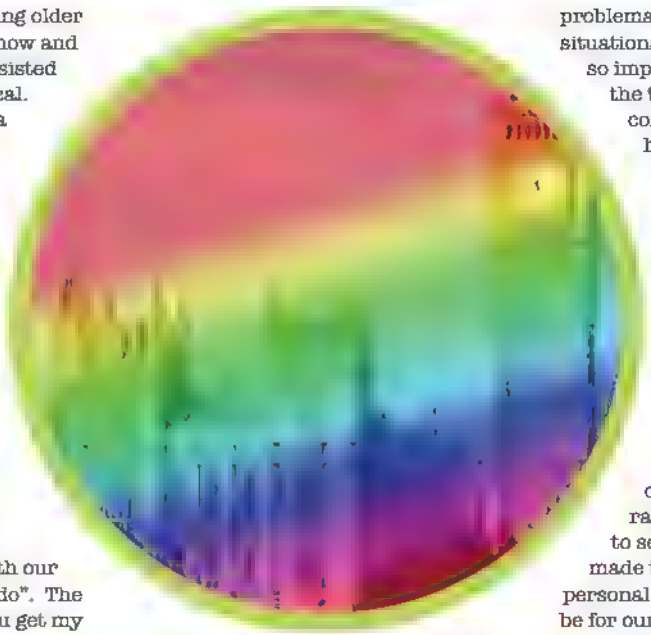
It's never a fair fight...

A few lifetimes ago (I avoid getting older by simply pressing reset every now and again), I had a girlfriend who insisted that the personal was the political. What she meant, if I can precis a complex political/philosophical argument, is that she could grope me in front of a whole load of straight people staring at us because (a) she wanted to and (b) we should make a public stand about our rights to same-sex public groping. I didn't disagree - it was fun.

There are a lot of people who believe that we have a responsibility to come out and be openly gay because it helps the wider 'cause' - "we're here, we're queer, and we're going to exercise our right to be open with our partner, just as straight people do". The slogan needs some work, but you get my drift.

I was horrified recently when I looked at a gay-news website and found one bad-news story after another - suicides, gay beatings, bullying It was tragic, and seemed no different to the news of two or three decades ago, despite the fact that we now live in a very different world.

The problem is, of course, that while we have made enormous strides politically in terms of rights for gay people to be gay, with all that that entails, being gay is still an enormously personal thing. It's hard enough for many people to talk about love and lust and sex, regardless of their sexuality. Coming out as gay means being open about all of these things. And, of course, other people have very personal responses, regardless of their politics or the political backdrop. With the personal playing such a big part, coming out will always be problematic for some people in some situations. While protective legislation is so important, it's not everything. And the tragic fact is that our news will continue to be full of suicides and homophobic beatings for a long time, while society's personal responses attempt to catch up with a new and more appropriate political backdrop.

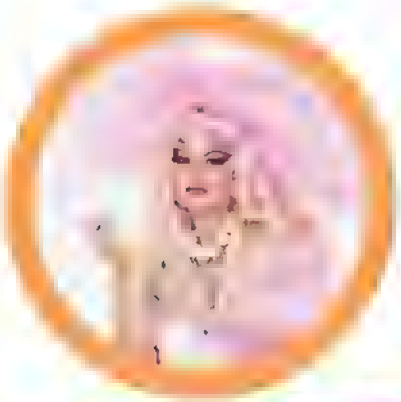


"WHILE WE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS STRIDES POLITICALLY IN TERMS OF RIGHTS FOR GAY PEOPLE TO BE GAY, WITH ALL THAT THAT ENTAILS, BEING GAY IS STILL AN ENORMOUSLY PERSONAL THING"

Not wanting to depress you even further, but the personal vs political thing is also rearing its very ugly head in the wider political sphere Politics at the moment seems to be entirely dominated by the personal rather than the political. It's hard to see what decisions are being made that aren't motivated by personal ambition. And votes all seem to be for our personal entertainment - like voting for the no-hope comedy act on The X Factor purely because it's funny to watch them fail rather than because they have anything to offer the art of singing. Mind you, to be honest, I'm not sure that X Factor has ever had anything to offer the art of singing ..

The personal should not have anything to do with politics in this sense. In a fair world, politicians would be elected on the basis of which political ideology is most appropriate in the given situation. But we are a long way from that. We haven't even got to the stage where all politicians are elected. Like flies trying to swim through a pool of old vomit, our current politicians are in an absolute Brexit mess and the electorate are disillusioned, confused and bored. It's hard to see how we will recover from this one

Personal vs political? Personally, I am sick of politics



LET'S TALK:
The Lacey Lou Column

Let's talk... Midlands women to watch

Over the years, I've worked in various sectors of the creative industry in Birmingham, including drag and events. Something that I came across very early on, and which is still in evidence today, is the disparity between the level of respect shown towards my male counterparts and that which is shown towards me. From contractors asking my male colleagues something after I've clearly instructed for an event - or automatically approaching them, as opposed to me, every damn time - to my art through drag often being shrugged off as easier or not as legitimate as a man's drag performance, I've experienced it all.

It's really tiring - but mostly, it's emotionally draining.

From the subtle to the direct, I've seen many women face the same kind of treatment when it comes to the creative industry - and quite frankly, it's not okay. We need the art and input from different groups, including womxn, more than ever ..

So here's to some of my fave local womxn, doing their bit to make Brum and the arts that bit more special.

Lots of love,

Lacey X

Amber Cadaverous

Amber is a Birmingham based drag artist and activist, mainly performing lip-sync numbers, hosting and DJing at queer shows and parties both in the UK and internationally. She self-describes her drag persona as a primadonna girl of the underworld. Amber Cadaverous is an unapologetically femme goth brat, drawing inspiration from strong female characters in horror and focusing in on that 'otherness', that femme power, and how it can be harnessed.

"I think it's so powerful as a queer woman to be loud and take up space," says Amber. "Visibility and discourse are so important."

Amber uses her drag to help support those who need assistance, such as our kings, trans, disabled, Poc and Afab siblings. "Personally for me, it's a protest to be a woman in drag, and also a form of activism. It's a way of reclaiming and defining my own femininity on my own terms There are strong parallels with how marginalised people have used visual arts as a means of voicing their activism."

Amber can be found around Birmingham's LGBTQ+ village each week and on Instagram @ambercadaverous

Mazzy Snape & Sophie Mack

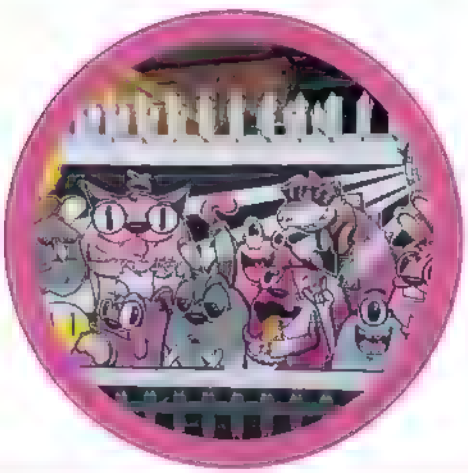
Sophie and Maz both work in events, PR and social media, with Maz owning the Bread Birmingham agency and Sophie working as account executive. On a day back in January, Riot Grrl legends Bikini Kill announced they were reforming, which inspired Sophie and Mazzy to pursue their shared interest in magazines and writing in order to produce something that they felt the Birmingham scene sorely lacked. The self funded Slag Mag (Serious Ladies of Art and Gigs) focuses on female/fxmale and NB artists and musicians both in Birmingham and further afield. The next issues are due to be published in November and December. To find out more and get involved, search Slag Mag on Facebook or visit www slagmag co uk

Lydia Hewson

Lydia, who is known as p.rcelain online, is a queer illustrator who loves fantasy, character and storytelling. Lydia finds inspiration within iconic fashion, fabulous cultures, legendary myths, empowering individuals and (especially) her fraternity of queers. Check out work on Instagram @p rcelain and prints and merchandise on etsy

Selextorhood

The aim of Selextorhood is to promote and empower womxn in music
Each month they welcome female-identifying and non binary people of every ability to their DJ workshop & community space at Café Artum in Birmingham. From there, they help talented individuals navigate their way through the music industry and learn the art of DJing
Created by Holly Holistor and supported by both rising and already-prominent Womxn DJs in Birmingham, Selextorhood are most definitely ones to watch and support. Follow their pages on Facebook and Instagram @selextorhood for parties, collaborations and workshops



Roots

Roots is a freelance illustrator born and bred in Brum. Her work is weird and wonderful, heavily character-based and very much inspired by '90s pop culture and getting lost down nature's rabbit hole
She works on a variety of projects, from wall/window art to designer toys and private commissions.
She also brings her bold style to live art events, competitions and exhibitions. Roots is available for commissions. Samples of her work can be viewed at www.roots0121.co.uk.

Improving sexual health for South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM

Birmingham LGBT offers services that can help...

Why sexual health may be an issue for the South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM community...

MSM men from South Asian & Middle Eastern backgrounds and cultures may experience a range of difficult issues. These can include pressure to fit in with community values and expectations in relation to marriage - sometimes leading to forced marriage and honour based violence. For individuals from these cultural backgrounds who are LGBT, these pressures can be magnified and shrouded in social and cultural taboos, stigma, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

Culturally, there can be a lack of understanding and education around various types of sexuality and gender expressions in relation to religion, faith and lived experience. This can often lead to individuals experiencing isolation, anxiety and stress, not being able to communicate their feelings about their sexuality and/or gender to their families, and feeling fearful of their own community's response.

As a result of these stresses, many South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM are under-represented in sexual health services. They often don't access either the services that are appropriate to their needs or any information about prevention & protection. This may result in poorer health outcomes, including late diagnosis of HIV

Birmingham LGBT offers a safe, supportive, confidential, non judgmental service for LGBT people of all backgrounds who are wishing to have one-to-one sessions around the subject of their sexual health and wellbeing.

RANG South Asian LGBT is here to help...

RANG is a social/support meet-up open to all South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM people
In some South Asian countries, RANG means 'colour'. The group's name was chosen by people who attended the meet-up
For more information, or if you would like to attend, email dansingh@blgbt.org

Things to know:

- The group runs on the second Sunday of each month at Birmingham LGBT Centre (1-3pm).
- At least three times a year, external speakers are invited to introduce their services in relation to health and wellbeing
- Creative workshops in art, music and discussion topics are led by people who attend
- STI testing is available (testing is offered after 3pm, when the meet-up has finished)
- RANG is confidential, non-judgmental and works according to agreed ground rules

Head to blgbt.org to find out more about RANG and other services Birmingham LGBT can offer.

Meet Dan...

Dan Singh works at Birmingham LGBT as a sexual health outreach worker for South Asian & Middle Eastern men who have sex with men (MSM).

Dan is a dedicated specialist who provides support, information and guidance, with a particular focus on enabling access to appropriate sexual health and wellbeing services. He also works to reduce any barriers that may exist for South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM in accessing services.

The aim of Dan's role is to:

- Identify and challenge barriers South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM people may face when accessing healthcare.
- Raise awareness among South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM people about sexual health and wellbeing issues that are relevant to them.
- Raise awareness of health inequalities and barriers faced by South Asian & Middle Eastern MSM within wider services, and address these through training and education.

One of the benefits of talking to Dan is that service-users will be talking to someone from a South Asian background. Dan will listen to any cultural concerns they may have in relation to sexual health & wellbeing. He can converse in Punjabi and understand Hindi and some Urdu.

Dan can offer one-to-one support regarding sexual health and wellbeing issues. He will listen to concerns around sexuality, faith, culture and the impact which these have on individuals

He can also refer or signpost to specialist services such as peer mentoring, domestic violence and counselling

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LESTALK ABOUT IT

Zone chats to Charl and Ash, a young Midlands couple who run their own LGBTQ+ online platform, Unite UK, and podcast, LesTalk...

Age: Charl: 22 **Aislinn:** 23

Location: Birmingham, but Aislinn is originally from Ireland

Day job: Charl: Social media marketing
Ash: Chocolate scientist (real job title!)

When did you first know you were gay?

Charl: I think around 15 or 16 I realised I was different to all of my friends. In my last relationship with a guy, it just wasn't 100% for me, and I realised that these feelings I had prior were something I should consider. It then took me another four or five years to finally accept I was gay

Ash: I first began to recognise my feelings toward girls at around 15, and luckily I never really struggled with those feelings. I'm privileged to be able to say I just accepted it as normal for me, and from the get-go I was extremely 'out and proud'. At first I thought I was into both girls *and* boys - it took me another couple of years to realise I was actually gay

When and how did you come out?

Charl: I came out to everyone at 18, but it was only because I invited Aislinn over from Ireland for my 18th birthday. We met in Birmingham Airport, where I hid from her as it was like, "Oh shit, she's actually here!" I told my parents shortly afterwards, as she was staying with us, and luckily my family was super-chill.

Ash: The first people I came out to were my friends at school, at around 16. It was just in casual conversation; there was no deal made out of it and everyone was totally cool with it. During the same year, I also came out to my parents while I was drunk - I don't recommend it! - but again there were no issues; it was as if I didn't even need to declare my sexuality

How did you both meet?

Ash: We met on a dating app called HER, but back when we met it was called Dattch! Charl popped up to me, and ever since then we haven't gone a day without speaking

Tell us about Unite UK...

Ash: Unite UK is an online LGBTQ+ platform that talks about a range of topics. Our main aim is to show the diversity in our community worldwide and to highlight problems faced by queer people. We talk about sexuality, gender, stereotypes, sexualisation of lesbians, gender norms and so much more. Today, Unite has turned into a mini online family. It's amazing to see our community come together to address pressing topics and support each other through our journeys.

When did you first get the idea for it?

Charl: It was when I was first struggling with my sexuality and really wanted an outlet to talk. I came up with Unite UK. I wanted to unite our community, as there's a lot of hate within our four walls, but also to help us come together and understand each other. Within our first few months of setting up a social media page, it was crazy that so many people felt the same

How can people become involved with Unite UK?

Ash: There are so many ways, from guest blogging to being quoted on our social media. Basically, if you want your voice heard and have something to say, we're your girls.

How important is it to have support networks and communities for young LGBTQ+ people?

Charl: So important. I noticed a lack of LGBTQ+ representation in music, so using Unite UK, I'm now partnered with a radio show to help LGBTQ+ musicians be played globally. We need to support each other and be there for the younger generations. One thing I will always want to achieve with Unite UK is a sense of belonging. I felt so alone coming out, and if I can help just one person feel a part of something, my job is done

What are your future plans for the project?

Charl: Realistically, we want to become an online platform that people go to when they need help. We're going to start workshops and have online forums. The possibilities are endless; we never want to limit ourselves

There's been a rise in homophobic abuse and attacks in the UK. Have you ever had any personal experiences of homophobic abuse?

Ash: Yes, sadly. As femme lesbians, online/offline we experience extreme sexualisation. Men in the street have asked us for threesomes and which sex toys we use. People online offer us money to send videos, and the amount of explicit pictures we've received is sickening. We are so thankful we have 'equal' rights, but in 2019 we would never hold hands in public, just because of who might be around.

I dread to think what it's like for the rest of the LGBTQ+ community, as we're just a small percentage. I've witnessed transphobic attacks and stepped in when possible. Homophobia/transphobia is alive and kicking, and it's so important if possible to talk up about it.

What do you think needs to be done in order to tackle the issue?

Charl: Education, education, education. We need to teach all generations what it means to be LGBTQ+ and help erase ridiculous stereotypes that have formulated due to the lack of education. Just the other week, I was telling someone that queer is being reclaimed, and they were shocked. It's simple conversations that can really change attitudes and views.

Google France recently changed its algorithm for the search 'lesbian' to show informative results instead of pornographic content. Is this the kind of thing that needs to be implemented in order to change perceptions?

Ash: One hundred percent. Take instagram, for example - if you search the #lesbian, you're greeted with porn, hyper-sexualised videos and accounts run by men to lure lesbian couples to interact. Sex sells, and lesbians have been used and abused with this mantra in mind. I think if we stopped showing hyper-sexualised versions of all queer women, it would help to reduce the stigma.

> "We need to teach all generations what it means to be LGBTQ+ and help erase ridiculous stereotypes"

You have a new podcast - LesTalk...

Charl: LesTalk is something we've been sitting on for a while. It's ourselves as professional lesbians - whatever that means! - and we talk about all things LGBTQ+. In reality, it's a safe space for us to chat about topics that are upsetting us, and for LGBTQ+ members to send in questions to get advice or send in embarrassing stories. We really just want to laugh. Sometimes, even if it's the worst experience ever, laughter can help you get through it.

What made you want to do a podcast?

Ash: Charl is so impulsive. We love listening to podcasts, and one day we brought a microphone and recorded the first ever episode. The two big lesbian podcasts are in the USA, and there's no one flying the flag here, so I guess we can say we're the first lesbian UK podcast. Don't quote us on that, though!

Who would be your dream guest on the podcast?

Charl: Definitely Cara Delevingne or Halsey!

Ash: Oh wow, that's a tough one. I'm already lucky enough to have my dream guest with me on every episode! But on a real note, I'd love to have some lesbian icons like Rosie and Rose on!

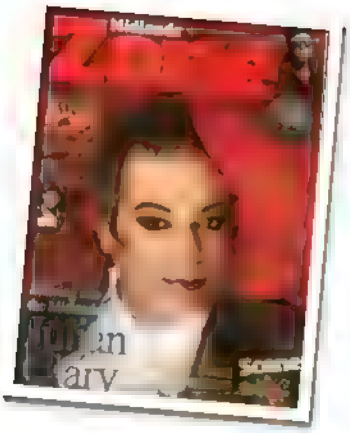
What are your long-term goals?

Long term, we'd love to be able to run the podcast full time and go on tours chatting about being lesbians, and lesbian problems. If that happens, you'll be the first to know!

To find out more about Charl and Ash's online platform, Unite UK, head to uniteuk1.com. To catch up on the latest episodes of their podcast, LesTalk, head to podtail.com/en/podcast/les-talk

10 YEARS AGO

A look back at MidlandsZone from October 2009



LGBT Community Trust appoints new Development Officer

Birmingham LGBT Community Trust has appointed Steph Keeble as its Strategic Development Worker.

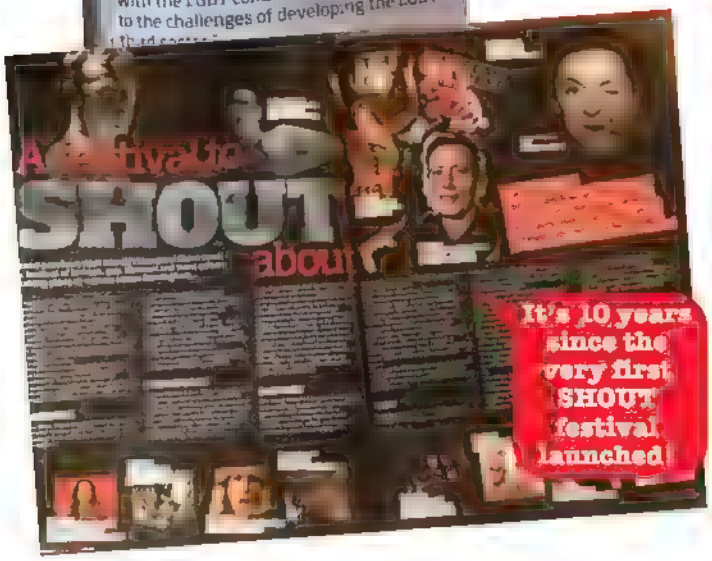
Steph previously worked in partnership with the Trust as West Midlands Development Worker for the LGBT Consortium.

The role will involve strategic engagement with key institutions and public bodies in the city. Commenting on the appointment Steve Ball, the Trust's vice chair said: "We are delighted that Steph Keeble has joined Birmingham LGBT Community Trust as Strategic Development Worker. Her experience, ability and commitment will be a big asset to the Trust and the communities we serve."

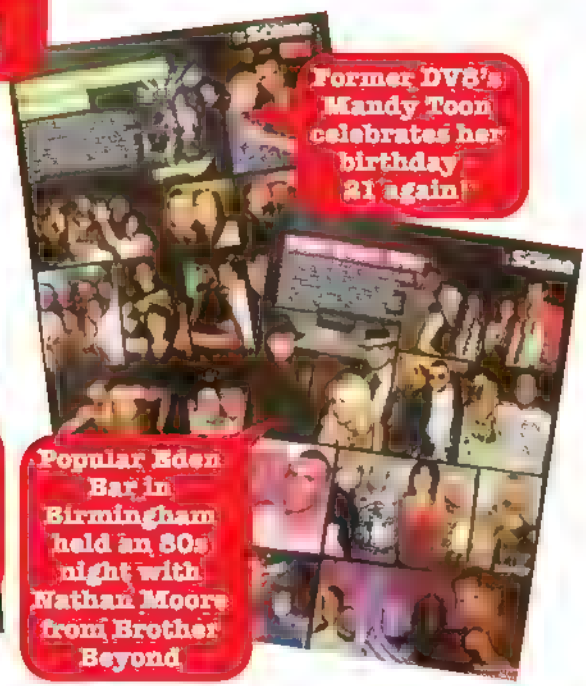
Steph commented: "I'm really pleased to be working for Trust, which is striving to ensure equal opportunity for the community in Birmingham. I look forward to working with the LGBT communities in the city and to the challenges of developing the LGBT

A great time was had by all at the 2009 Leicester Pride event!

Birmingham LGBT boss Steph Keeble joined the organisation 10 years ago!



It's 10 years since the very first SHOUT festival launched



Former DV8's Mandy Toon celebrates her birthday 21 again!

Popular Eden Bar in Birmingham held an 80s night with Nathan Moore from Brother Beyond

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What's On

Cher in Brum

Award-winning icon Cher brings her Here We Go Again World Tour to the UK for what will be her first live dates in the country in more than 14 years
Holding the UK record for the biggest-selling single of all time by a female artist (for 1998's Believe), she here performs hits from her back catalogue and songs from the Dancing Queen album - her tribute to the music of ABBA.

Arena Birmingham, Saturday 26 October

Will Young

Will Young came to prominence when he won the 2002 series of Pop Idol. His double A-sided debut single, Anything Is Possible/ Evergreen, was released two weeks after the show's finale and became the UK's fastest-selling debut single
Built around his joy of pop music, Will's long-awaited seventh album, Lexicon, was released this year
"I always say that there's no point in doing it if it's not joyous," explains Will. "That's been my motto: do it the way you want to do it."

Birmingham Town Hall, Friday 4 October

Priscilla

Starring Strictly winner Joe McFadden and based on the movie of the same name, Priscilla the stage show has wowed both West End and Broadway audiences, picking up a coveted Olivier and an equally prestigious Tony award along its accolade-strewn way. At its heartland is an uplifting story of the friendship shared between three pals, who hop aboard a battered old bus and head off in search of love and romance
The show comes complete with a dazzling array of costumes and a glorious selection of dancefloor favourites, including It's Raining Men, Say A Little Prayer, Go West, Hot Stuff and Always On My Mind. !

Malvern Festival Theatre, Monday 14 - Saturday 19 October
Curve Theatre, Leicester, Monday 28 October - Saturday 2 November

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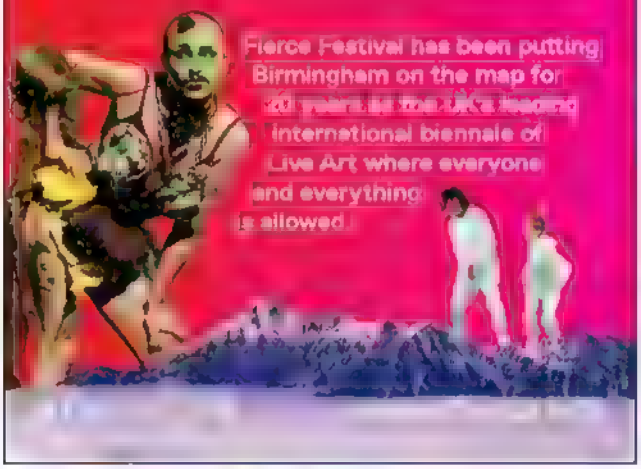

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GAY ICON FILM

Judy

Adapted from Peter Quilter's 2005 play End Of The Rainbow, this musical drama focuses on Judy Garland's sold-out appearance at the Talk Of The Town in London in 1968. She died in the summer of the following year

The film stars Renée Zellweger as Garland, with Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock, Rufus Sewell and Michael Gambon in supporting roles.

On general release, Friday 4 October

My Beautiful Laundrette

Hanif Kureishi's original movie version of My Beautiful Laundrette, released in 1985, focused on an interracial love story between a young Pakistani man and his old school friend, a white working class guy who'd lost his way

A clever, funny and powerful reflection of life in Thatcher's Britain, the film has now been adapted for the stage, with Leicester Curve Artistic Director Nikolai Foster the man at the helm.

"I think this is a play about love, hope and young people moving the world forward," says Nikolai. "It has a really powerful message, and I hope its vibrancy will be celebrated beyond coming to see the production. I very much hope that audiences take the experience forward with them."

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, from 29 October to 2 November & Birmingham Repertory Theatre from 5 to 9 November

Heels Of Hell

The ultimate Halloween drag tour is back for 2019!

Drag favourites Sharon Needles, Alaska, Adore Delano, Miz Cracker, Latrice Royale, Kennedy Davenport, Akeria Davenport and Biqtch Puddin will all be performing on stage in what looks set to be one hell of a spooktacular show....

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Sunday 27 October

Revolving Door

A coroner conducts an inquest into the suicide of Martin, a 19-year-old gay man. He calls a GP, a psychiatrist, a mental health nurse and Martin's mother as witnesses and asks the question: Why did this young man, with apparently everything to live for, take his own life?

But this is no ordinary hearing - the coroner is Martin himself...

After the play, consultant psychiatrist Dr Erin Turner will be joined in a conversation about suicide prevention by award winning mental health campaigner Jonny Benjamin MBE.

A Q&A with the audience will follow.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Tuesday 8 October

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Watch out! A storm is brewing at BAR DIVA

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SCENE

Your guide to the month ahead on the GAY SCENE

TULISA performs at The Nightingale

Let's get SPOOKY!

It's Halloween time! Check out a whole month of spooky goings-on inside...

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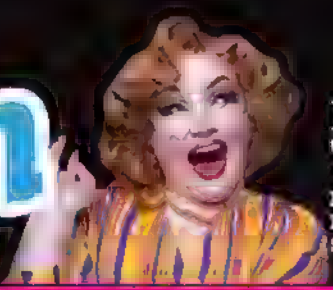


Donna Trump

Mon 7 October, Havana Republic, Shrewsbury

AROUND THE MIDLANDS GAY SCENE

Drag Race UK screenings in Brum Gay Village

With the first series of RuPaul's Drag Race UK starting on BBC Three this month, two Birmingham Gay Village venues have announced that they will be screening the show live.

The Loft will host a free screening with two-for-one cocktails, plus free entry to The Nightingale. Alternatively, book a table at Eden Bar to ensure you're sitting comfortably ahead of watching the show on the big screen.

Every Thursday throughout October at The Loft, Birmingham, and Eden Bar, Birmingham

TULISA HEADS TO THE NIGHTINGALE!

Saturday 5 October, The Nightingale, Birmingham

Eden's Got You Babe!

Whether or not you've been lucky enough to nab yourself a ticket to see the one and only Cher, be sure to head to Eden Bar to check out the UK's number one Cher tribute, Tania Alboni.

The magical Mary Mac is back too...

Saturday 26 October, Eden Bar, Birmingham

Lola Lasagne

She's a busy showgirl!

It's certainly a busy time of year for Lola Lasagne - she's appearing in the Midlands not once, not twice but three times during October!

Expect lots of laughter and fun, plus a good old-fashioned sing-song!

Friday 4 October, The Village Inn, Birmingham

Saturday 5 October, Bar Diva, Dudley

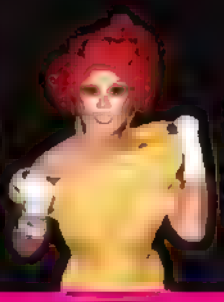
Friday 18 October, The Yard, Coventry

Sandra London

Fri 25 October, The Village Inn, Birmingham

Double Cabaret with Amy LaQueefa

Sun 27 October, Missing Bar, Birmingham

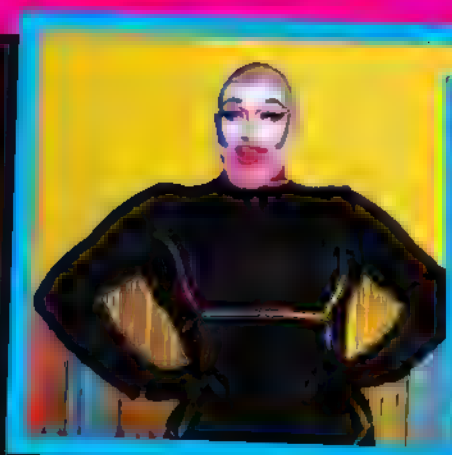


La Voix

Thurs 31 October Eden Bar, Birmingham

Dragula Season 3 Viewing Parties

Tuesday 1, 8, 15 and 22 October, The Loft, Birmingham



Danny Beard

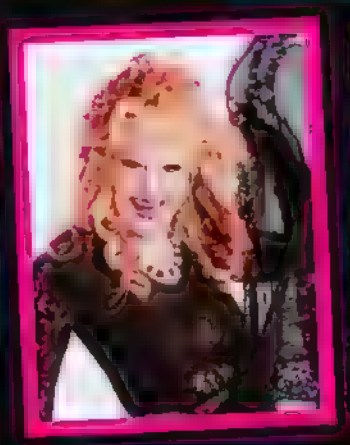
Britain's Got Talent star Danny Beard returns to Birmingham's award winning Eden Bar this month and then returns again! Danny's certainly become one of the city's favourite drag acts in recent years, so if you still haven't caught up with him, make sure you head down to Eden this month

Eden Bar, Birmingham

Charlie Hides

RuPaul's Drag Race star Charlie Hides is back in the region this month. Head on down to Eden Bar to see 'the man of a thousand faces' for yourself!

Sat 12 October, Eden Bar, Birmingham



Get Wilde with Kelly!

Diva from Down Under Kelly Wilde treats Village Inn punters to her cracking vocals and greatest hits mid-month

Friday 11 October, The Village Inn, Birmingham

Miss Marty brings the party!

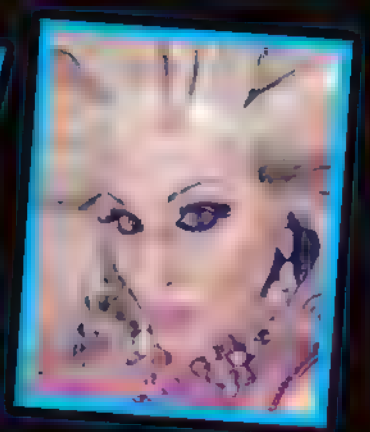
Drag legend Marty Smith is once again out and about this month. She'll be serving up her usual delightful dose of fun, games and naughty antics in Coventry's ever-popular LGBT venue, The Yard.

Friday 4 October, The Yard, Coventry

KY Kelly

Award-winning drag queen KY Kelly brings a whole lot of laughs to The Yard mid-month - don't miss it!

Friday 11 October, The Yard, Coventry



What's On

Sam Southall

Mon 21 October, Havana Republic, Shrewsbury

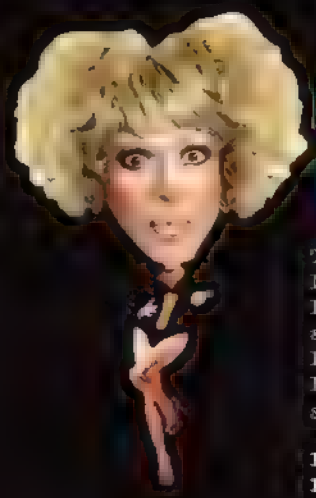
Shyanne O'Shea

Essex-based drag queen Shyanne O'Shea brings the luck of the Irish to Dudley this month. Expect to work those laughter muscles!

Saturday 12 October, The Yard, Coventry

I'M NOT OKAY vs EMO DISCO Helloween Special

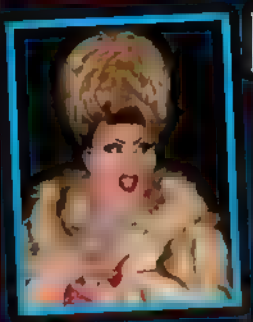
Saturday 19 October, The Nightingale, Birmingham



Drag With No Name

The always-fantastic Drag With No Name returns to the Midlands! Expect an evening of quality comedy and re-workings of popular songs. From Gaga to Britney and Jessie J to My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, no one is safe! Don't miss it!

Fri 18 October, The Village Inn, Birmingham



Brenda LaBeau

Drag Idol UK 2016 finalist Brenda LaBeau is known for her incredible live vocals. The scouse songstress will surely bring the house down when she takes to the stage at Eden Bar this month.

Saturday 19 October, Eden Bar, Birmingham

Fanny Burns

The fabulous Fanny Burns is back in the Midlands this month to entertain the masses with cheeky banter and a song or three.

Friday 25 October, The Yard, Coventry

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE:

Fri 4 October

Beware The Witching Hour Eden Bar, Birmingham

House of Allure Eden Bar, Birmingham

Sat 5 October

Chic Breakfast Club Chic, Birmingham

Tues 8 October

Big Fat Gay Quiz Dover Castle, Leicester

Thurs 10 October

Anything Goes Bar Jester, Birmingham

Sat 12 October

We Love House Music Chic, Birmingham

Sun 13 October

Queer Life Drawing The Loft, Birmingham

Fri 18 October

Mids Bears Eden Bar, Birmingham

XXL with DJ Paul Morell The Core, Birmingham

Sat 19 October

Eva La Diva Bar Dive, Dudley

Mother's Meeting: Asylum Bar Jester, Birmingham

RatPack, Kings of The Old School Chic, Birmingham

Sun 20 October

Leather Social Eden Bar, Birmingham

Fri 25 October

Cabaret with Ashleigh & Gavina Missing Bar, Birmingham

Sat 26 October

Club Scritches Eden Bar, Birmingham

Sun 27 October

Gamaden Eden Bar, Birmingham

Circle Birmingham The Loft, Birmingham

Cabaret with Ashleigh & Gavina

Fri 28 October, Missing Bar, Birmingham

Spooky season in the Midlands!

It's that time of year again, when you reach for your sharpest fangs, grab your witch's broomstick, and head out on the town for some ghoulish Halloween fun! There's plenty to see and do across the month just don't get too spooked!

Fri 11 October

Drag Me To Hell 2: The Rapture Eden Bar, Birmingham

Sun 20 October

The Big Doggo Halloween Social The Loft, Birmingham

Fri 25 October

Killer Vacation: An '80s Drag Murder Mystery Eden Bar, Birmingham

Halloween - The Lost Boys Gossip, Stoke

Halloween Freakshow - £1000 Best Dressed Comp The Nightingale Club, Birmingham

Urban Slag Halloween Special The Core, Birmingham

Halloween Monster Ball Chic, Birmingham

Mary Mac & Cher after-party, with Tania Alboni as Cher Eden Bar, Birmingham

The Dolls House Disco Missing Bar, Birmingham

Club Scritches Eden Bar, Birmingham

Miss Thunderpussy & Halloween Fancy Dress Competition Bar Diva, Dudley

Double Cabaret with Amy LaQueefa Missing Bar, Birmingham

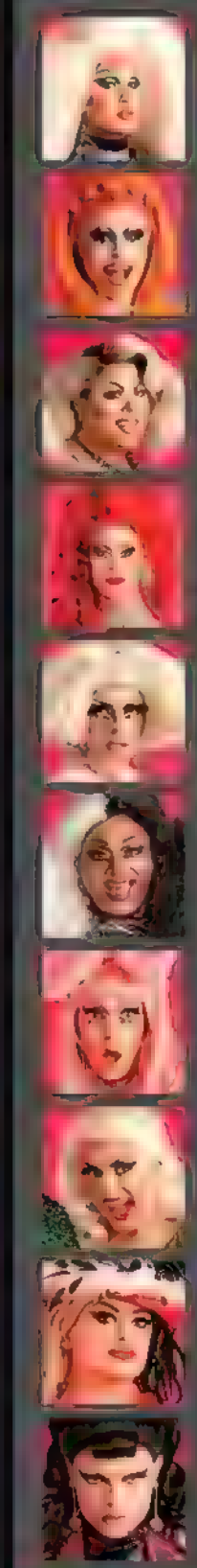
Halloween Family Rave with Big Fish Little Fish The Nightingale, Birmingham

Mon 28 October

Halloween Special - Cash Prizes to be won! Havana Republic, Shrewsbury

Thurs 31 October

Halloween Fancy Dress Competition Glamorous Birmingham and Glamorous Coventry



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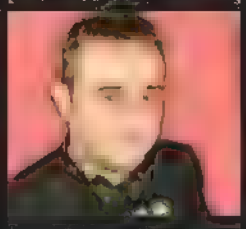
Thursdays with DJ Gavina - £1.50 bombs

EVERY FRIDAY 9PM
HP Man and Her with DJ Mike Emery & Gavina Vagina



EVERY SATURDAY
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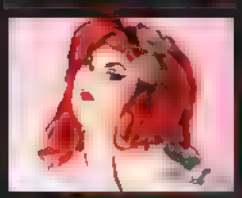

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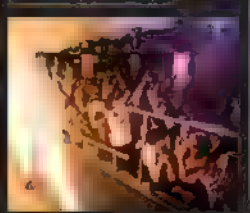

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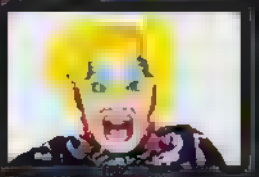

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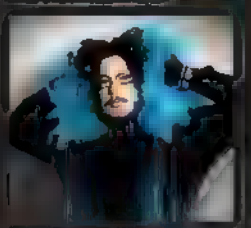

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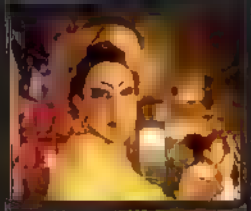

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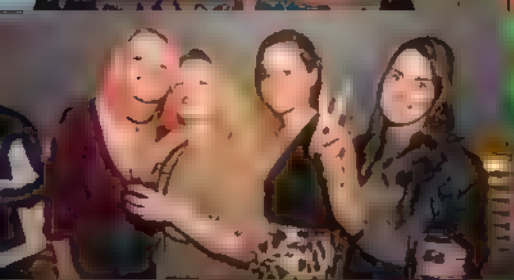


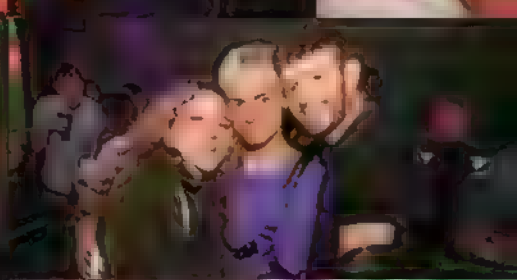
THE YARD

COVENTRY

The Yard in Coventry is packed on Fridays week in and week out – and with top cabaret performers taking to the stage, that's really no surprise!

The venue will be celebrating Halloween on Saturday 2 November with a Dawn Of The Dead party, complete with a £500 cash prize for best costume on the night!

(see advert opposite for more details)



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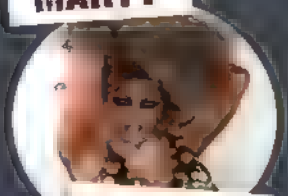
WEDNESDAY - OPEN MIC NIGHT
THURSDAY - KARAOKE
FRIDAY - LIVE CABARET
SATURDAY - DJ SIMON BAKER
SUNDAY - BINGO N' SH*T

MARTY



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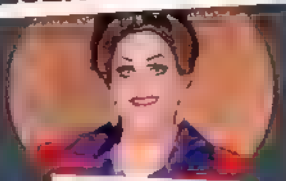
11TH OCT

LOLA LASAGNE



18TH OCT

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25TH OCT

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

the yard

DAWN OF THE DEAD

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26 OCT — MISS THUNDERPUSSY

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL
PLUS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

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FRIDAY'S	FREAKY FRIDAY'S WITH DJ MIKEY
SATURDAY'S	CABARET SATURDAY'S TOP DRAGS & HOSTED BY MISS ANNIE
SUNDAY'S	RING & RIDE WITH MISS MO BILITY AND MARGARET FUN, GAMES AND PRIZES
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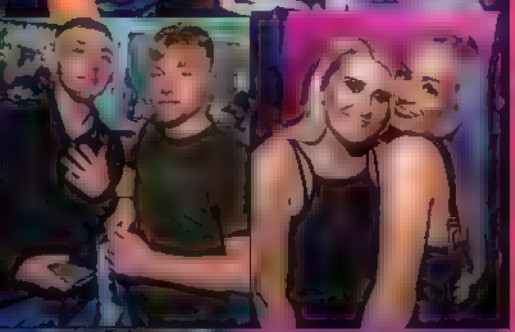

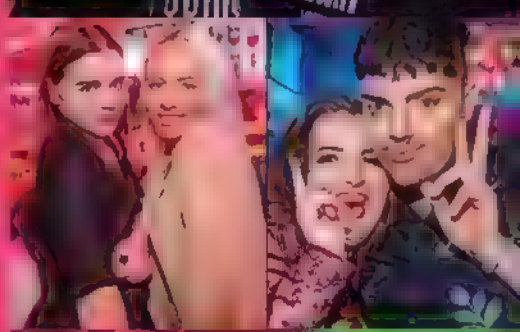

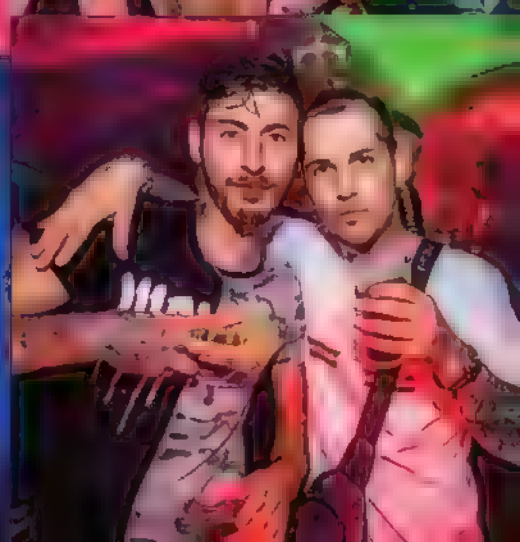

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£300
CASH PRIZE
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SPOOKTACULAR
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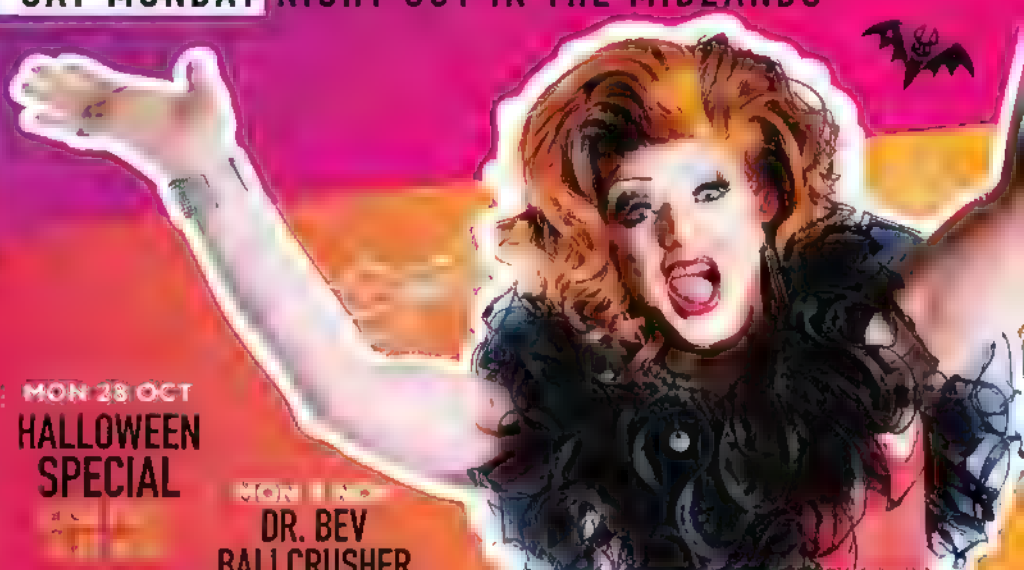

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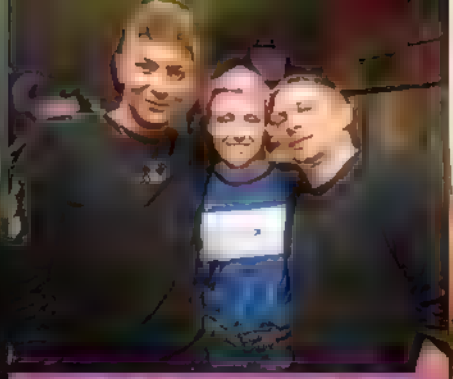

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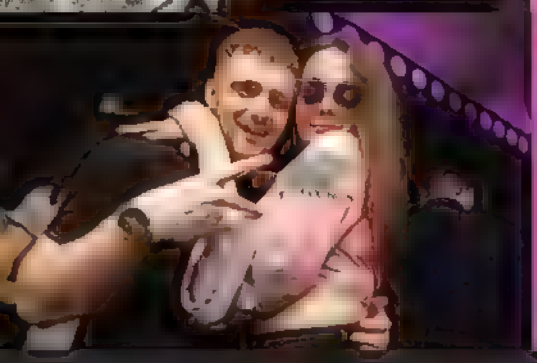

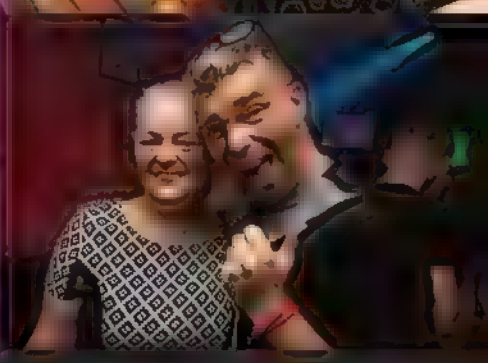

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KAPOWND THURSDAYS
£1 DRINKS ALL NIGHT
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THANK PAM IT'S FRIDAY!
HUGE ANTHEMS FROM PAM CATZ

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TWO FLOORS OPEN
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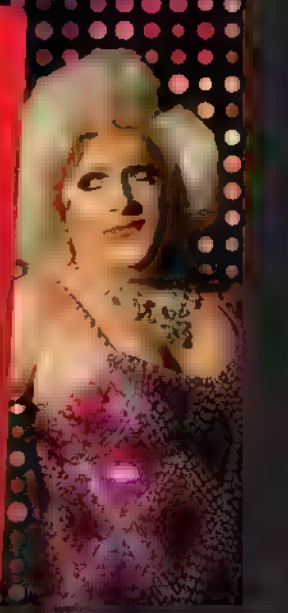

VILLAGE INN

BIRMINGHAM

The Village Inn presented a cracking line-up of classy cabaret last month, including RuPaul's Drag Race UK star Sum Ting Wong!

This month the venue is offering a £500 prize for the best Halloween costume on Saturday 26 October

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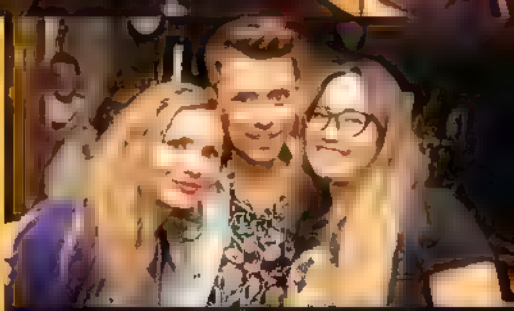

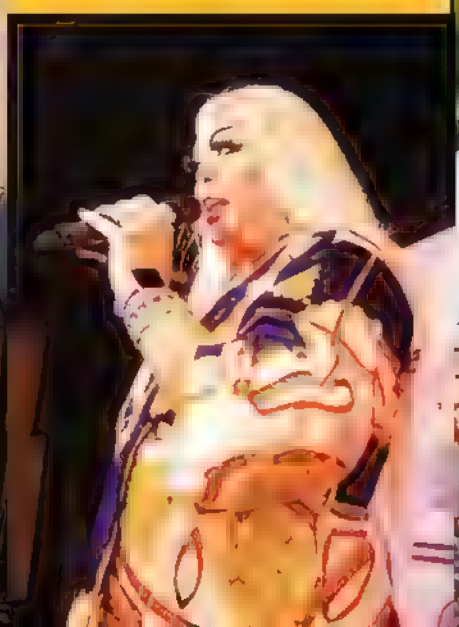

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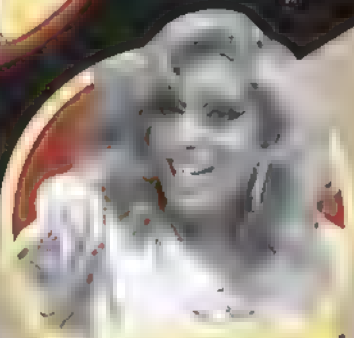

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SAT 26TH OCT

HALLOWEEN

£500

FOR THE BEST DRESSED!

VILLAGE INN BIRMINGHAM

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EDEN BAR

Eden Bar's marquee was rammed once again last month for a whole host of cracking cabaret acts – including the ever-wonderful Fanny Burns!

This month is another busy one for the popular venue, with plenty of spooky goings-on to look forward to, including Drag! Me To Hell, Killer Vacation, The Drag Murder Mystery and a Halloween-themed Cher after-party!

(see advert opposite for more details)

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SAT 5TH DANNY BEARD

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SAT 26TH MARY MAC & CHER AFTER PARTY

TOP CHER TRIBUTE TANIA ALBONI

SUN 27TH GAMEDEN 3PM

THUR 31ST LA VOIX

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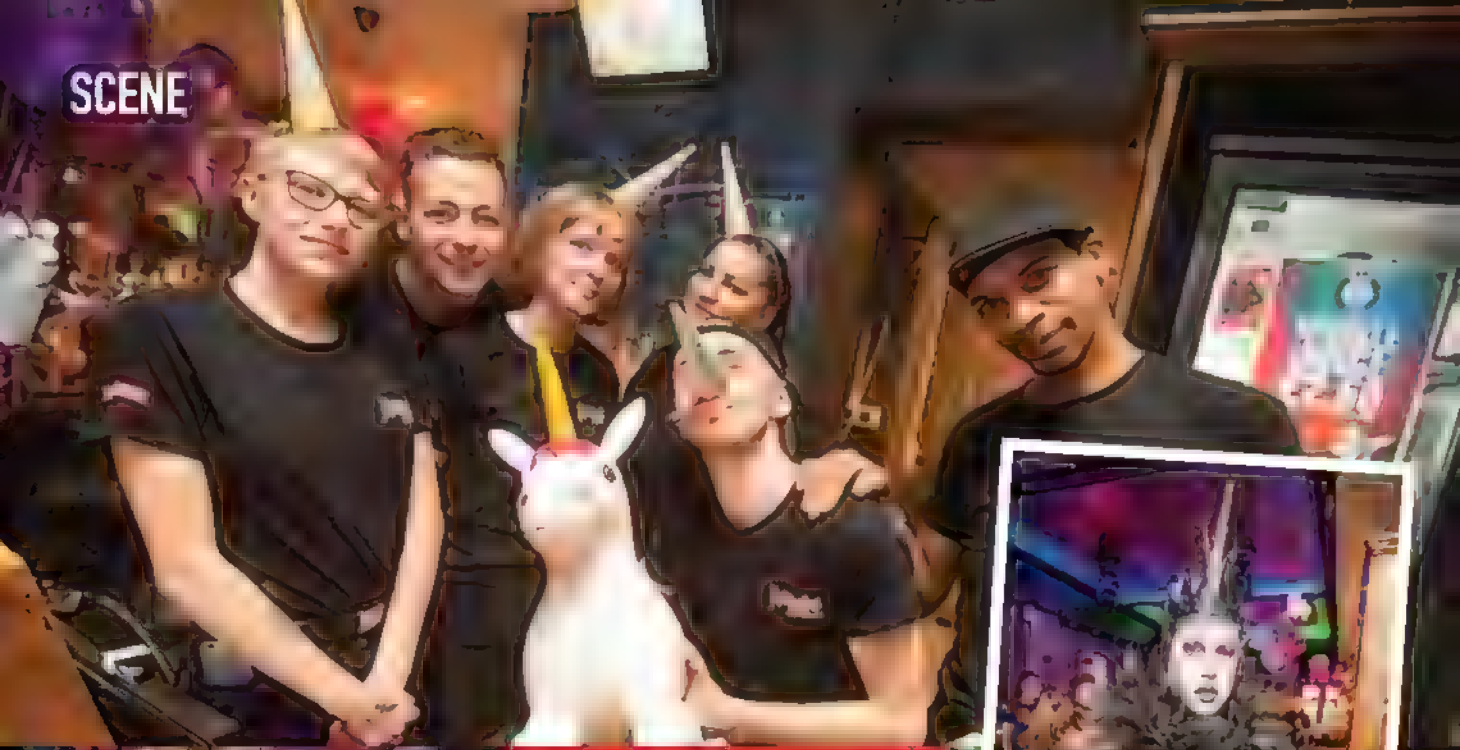
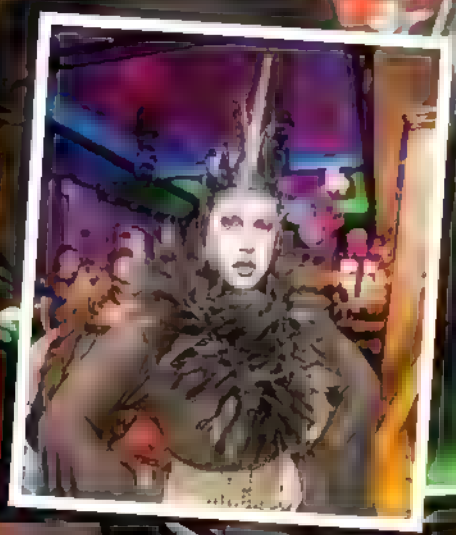


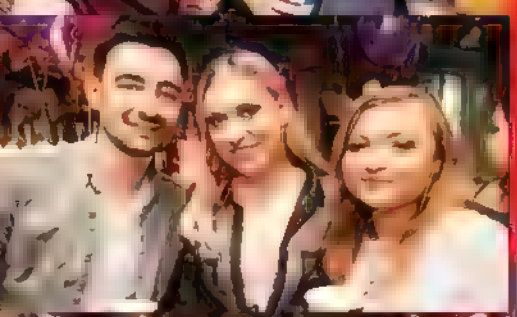


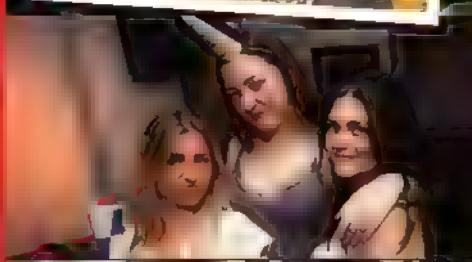
MISSING

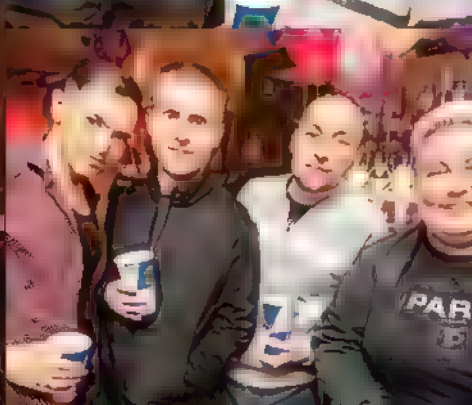
BIRMINGHAM

Missing sprinkled a pinch of magic dust and a whole lot of glitter on Birmingham's Gay Village last month when it hosted another Unicorn Party!

This Halloween weekend, the venue presents The Valley Of The Dolls, featuring creepy cabaret, dangerously talented DJs and The Dolls' House Disco on Saturday 26 October (see advert opposite for more details).







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ENTERS THE

VALLEY OF THE DOLLS

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
DJ MIKE EMERY
GUEST CABARET FROM
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SATURDAY 26TH
DJ MATT BRINGING
THE DOLLS HOUSE DISCO

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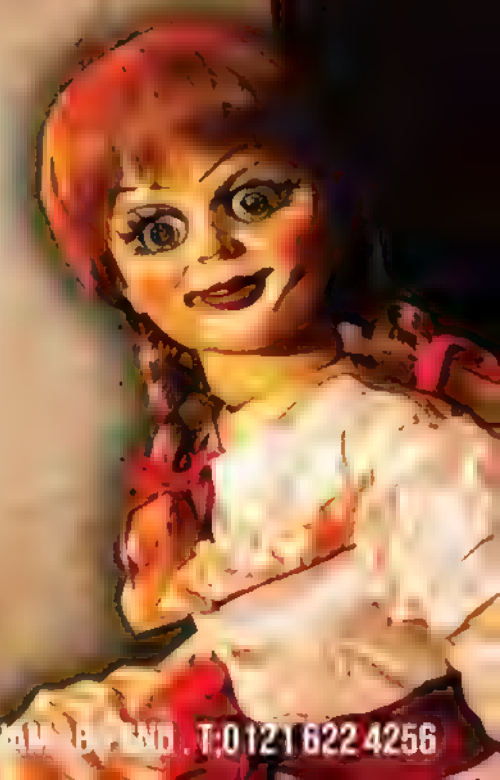
DOUBLE CABARET WITH
AMY LAQUEEFA



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THE NIGHTINGALE

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With three floors of great music to enjoy and multiple amazing drink deals on offer, there's little wonder the Nightingale had punters queueing round the block last month!

The club's annual Halloween Spectacular takes place on Saturday 26 October – with a mega £1,000 on offer for the best-dressed partygoer!

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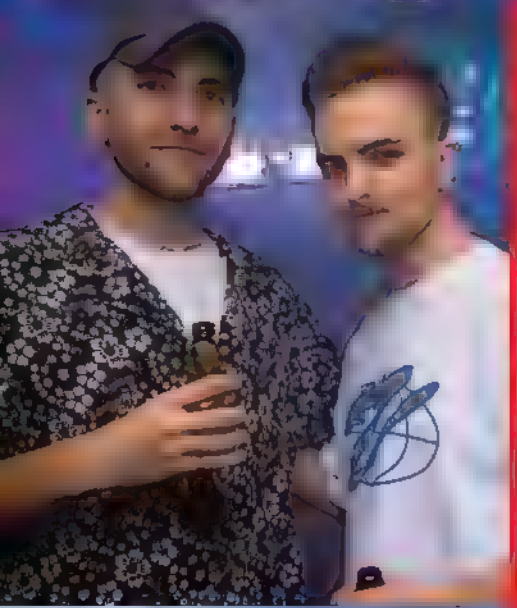

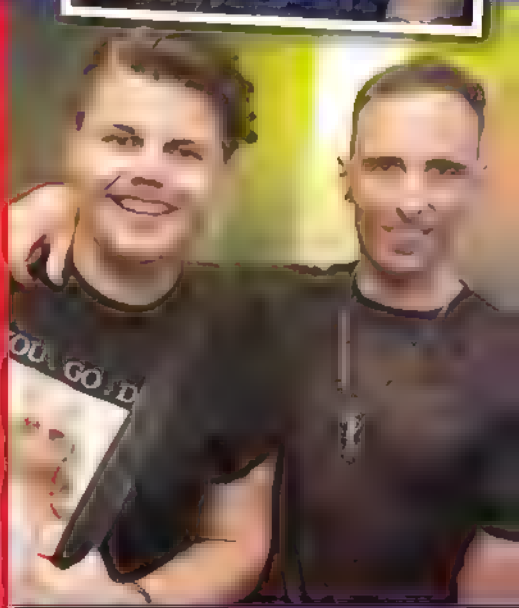

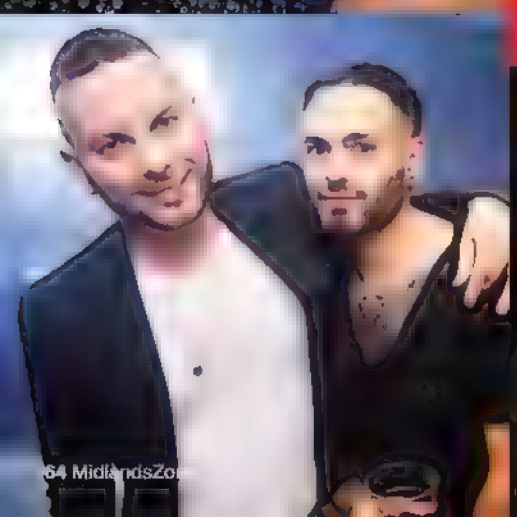

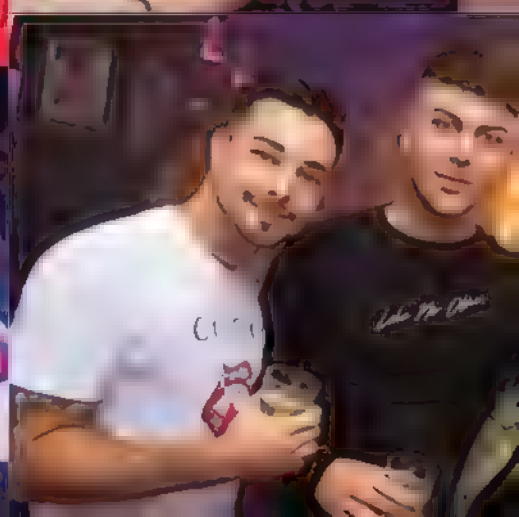

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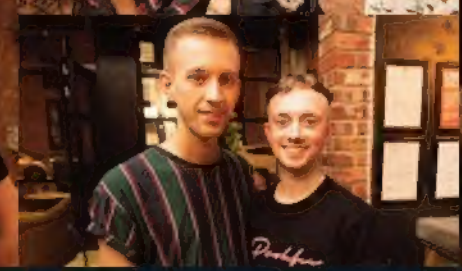

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